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NEPAL'S EX-PM OLI ARRESTED OVER 2025 GEN Z PROTEST CRACKDOWN

Nepal's former Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli was arrested on Saturday over the brutal crackdown of anti-government protests last year

START OF JUSTICE, SAYS NEW HOME MINISTER

Oli was arrested at the Gundu area of Bhaktapur district, 12 km east of Kathmandu, early Saturday morning, the police said. "We have taken under control former Prime Minister K P Oli and former Home Minister Ramesh Lekhak. This is not a revenge against anybody, just the beginning of justice," Nepal's Home Minister Sudhan Gurung wrote on social media | **P11**

OLI, LEKHAK FACES UP TO 10 YEARS IN JAIL

- A probe panel had recommended legal action against Oli and Lekhak under criminal offence over their involvement in the crackdown
- Nepal's new government, led by Balendra Shah, in its first cabinet meeting on Friday, decided to immediately implement the panel's recommendations, which includes three to ten years of jail sentence

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PEOPLE KILLED DURING THE CRACKDOWN ON GEN-Z PROTESTS IN SEPTEMBER

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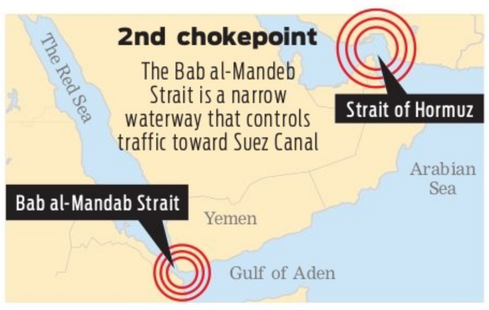
Red Sea worry as Houthis join conflict for first time

Choking Bab el-Mandeb Strait could haemorrhage economy



AGENCIES @ Tehran

YEMEN'S Houthi rebels entered the West Asia war on Saturday by launching a ballistic missile towards Israel, as the world struggled to contain the economic damage of a conflict on verge of entering into its second month.

The intervention of Iran's Yemeni allies into Tehran's conflict with Israel and US raised concerns about disruption to Red Sea shipping, with trade from the Gulf through the Strait of Hormuz already choked off.

With no end to the conflict in sight, despite US President Donald Trump's optimism that US forces have obliterated Iran's military, a spokesman for the Houthis issued a video statement declaring that the group had launched ballistic missiles at Israel.

Israel's military said it had intercepted a missile. During Israel's recent war on Gaza, the Houthis, claiming solidarity with the Palestinians, attacked shipping in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden. But, until Saturday, had sat out this conflict. Experts warn that the Iran-backed Houthis have the potential to create a disastrous economic shock around the world.

If the Houthis ramp up their role in this conflict by targeting vessels in the narrow Bab el-Mandeb Strait off the Red Sea, it would not only further push up oil prices but destabilise "all of maritime security," said Ahmed Nagi, a senior Yemen analyst at the International Crisis Group, a research institution. "The impact would not be limited to the energy market." As Iran strangles Hormuz, countries have scrambled for alternative routes. Bab el-Mandeb is particularly crucial as it controls traffic for vessels heading to the Suez Canal through the Red Sea.

DAY 29 | WAR WATCH

Iran skeptical on talks

Iran is skeptical about recent diplomatic efforts to stop the war in the Middle East, its Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi told his Turkish counterpart in a phone call Saturday | **P11**

PM speaks to Saudi Prince

Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Crown Prince and PM of Saudi Arabia, Mohd bin Salman, on the ongoing conflict in West Asia and agreed on the need to ensure freedom of navigation

NOIDA AIRPORT OPENING

Ethanol blend eased fuel crisis pressure: Modi

S LALITHA @ Noida

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the Centre was taking all possible steps to ensure that the ongoing West Asia conflict does not impact the common man.

After unveiling the first phase of the Noida International Airport at Jewar, Modi commended sugarcane farmers for reducing India's dependence on crude oil by helping scale up ethanol production. "Without the increase in ethanol production and its blending with petrol, India would have had to import an additional four-and-a-half crore barrels, approximately 700 crore litres of crude oil annually," he said. "The hard work of our farmers has given the country enormous relief during this time of crisis." Ethanol has not only benefited the country but also the farmers, with approximately ₹1.5 lakh crore worth of foreign exchange being saved, he elaborated.

Stating that he discussed the West Asia crisis in detail in Parliament as also as with all chief ministers the previous day, he appealed to the people to face the situation with a calm mind and remain patient. "What is in the interest of Indians and in the interest of India, that alone is the policy and strategy of the Government of India," he said. He expressed confidence that all political parties would back the country's efforts.

As for the Noida airport, he said it is the symbol of a developed UP as it will connect North India to the entire world. "A plane would take off every two minutes from here in the future," the prime minister said, adding, "the airport will benefit a vast region encompassing Agra, Mathura, Aligarh, Ghaziabad, Meerut, Etawah, Bulandshahr, and Faridabad."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Union Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu and others, during the inauguration of the Noida International Airport, in Jewar on Saturday | PTI

B'luru college prof booked for calling student terrorist

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A professor of management and commerce at PES University, Hosakerehalli, has been booked for insulting a student from the minority community by calling him a terrorist. The Girinagar police registered a suo motu FIR against him, even as the university placed him under suspension.

The alleged incident took place on Tuesday and the video of it is doing the rounds on social media. It shows the faculty member, Dr Muralidhar Deshpande, saying, "The moment the class is going on, you come and disturb it. *Sharm nahi aati tumko*. Useless fellow, terrorist. I will call you a terrorist. I thought I will be very calm today. *Kya kha ke aate ho? Sharm nahi aati?* Terrorist."

A video grab of Professor Dr Muralidhar Deshpande talking to the student

Dr Deshpande is an adjunct faculty at the department of Faculty of Management and Commerce. Following the incident, Lakshya Raj V, president, Bengaluru Central District, National Students Union of India (NSUI), filed a complaint with the Girinagar police against Dr Deshpande. Lakshya stated in the complaint, "Dr Muralidhar Deshpande allegedly humiliated a minority student by addressing him as belonging to a terrorist group. This act is highly condemnable and unacceptable. NSUI demands action against Dr Deshpande and a public apology video for his misconduct with the student."

Jawahar Doreswamy, Chancellor, PES University, in an official letter addressed to Dr Deshpande, stated, "A case of student complaint has been received. Pending a detailed enquiry into the matter, you are kept under suspension with immediate effect."

In the meantime, the Girinagar police too registered a suo motu FIR, following a complaint by Head Constable TN Ravi Kumar against Dr Deshpande. **CONTINUED ON: P7**

RICHES FOR CITY

Corporation	Budget outlay	Tax revenue
BWCC	₹4,732.73cr	₹1,074.80cr
BNCC	₹4,341.20cr	₹1,112.29cr
BECC	₹3,889.98cr	₹1,500cr
BSCC	₹3,825.95cr	₹1,101.30cr
BCCC	₹3,426.55cr	₹1,406.80cr
Total	**₹20,216.41cr**	**₹6,195.19cr**

Five city corpns together present ₹20Kcr budgets, aim for self-sufficiency

AKNISREE KARTHIK & MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

THE maiden 2026-2027 budgets of all the five city corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) totalled Rs 20,216.41 crore, as against the Rs 19,927.08 crore presented by the erstwhile Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) last year. The increase is around Rs 289.33 crore.

While it was the sixth consecutive budget presented in the absence of an elected council, it is likely that fresh budgets would be presented once elections are held to the five corporations, as per the Supreme Court directions to complete the election process before June 30.

The total tax revenue of all the five corporations amounts to Rs 6,195.19 crore. Amidst concerns that the newly formed corporations might face the same fate as New Delhi, where the split corporations were merged back into one entity following financial constraints, the five city budgets have focused on generating their own revenue to be self-sufficient and rely less on government funds.

Amid the revenue-deficit concerns raised by the State Finance Commission against the Bengaluru West City Corporation (BWCC), it presented the budget with the largest outlay among all corporations at Rs 4,732.73 crore.

It was followed by the Bengaluru North City Corporation (BNCC) with an outlay of Rs 4,341.20 crore, Bengaluru East City Corporation (BECC) with Rs 3889.98 crore, Bengaluru South City Corporation (BSCC) with Rs 3,825.95 crore and Bengaluru Central City Corporation (BCCC) with Rs 3,426.61 crore.

The maiden budgets uniformly allocated Rs 2.25 crore for each of the 369 wards, against the demand of Rs 5 crore placed by city legislators in the pre-budget meetings.

A common thread connecting all the civic bodies is that of Municipal Bonds, with each corporation aiming to mop up Rs 200 crore and, in return, get an incentive of Rs 26 crore each from the Union government. Infrastructure boost was the other common factor in the budget. **FULL COVERAGE: P2**

Scare in air for IndiGo after engine failure

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

AN IndiGo flight from Visakhapatnam to New Delhi, carrying 160 passengers, was forced to make a full emergency landing at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport on Saturday after one of its engines failed mid-air.

All passengers and crew were evacuated safely from the Boeing 737 aircraft upon landing.

Flight 6E 579 departed from the Visakhapatnam International Airport at 8.48 am. A full emergency was declared at 10.39 am after one of the engines failed. The pilots requested the Delhi Air Traffic Control for priority landing.

"As soon as the message was received, Runway 28 was allotted for priority landing for the aircraft. Emergency was declared there from 10.45 am to 10.55 am. All necessary protocol was followed with fire and medical teams kept on standby," an airport official said.

The plane landed at 10.54 am, the official said. After evacuation, passengers were assisted by the airline and airport staff, the official added.

An IndiGo spokesperson said, "As a precautionary step and in accordance with the standard operating procedure, the pilots requested for priority landing and the aircraft arrived safely at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi."

The IndiGo aircraft at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, in New Delhi | PTI

EXPRESS READ

Cong to get temp relief from vacating Delhi HQ

New Delhi: A day before the deadline to vacate its long-time headquarters at 24, Akbar Road, the Congress may receive a last-minute reprieve from its eviction notice, sources said. Sources indicated that the reprieve came after Congress leaders engaged in back-channel discussions with the government, securing a temporary relief | **P9**

Army gets 1st batch of 'Make in India' LMGs

Gwalior: In a boost to the Army's firepower, a defence major on Saturday delivered the first batch of 2,000 'Prahar' light machine guns (LMGs) manufactured under the 'Make in India' initiative. The 7.62 mm-calibre weapon has been manufactured by Adani Defence located on the outskirts of Gwalior.

WOMEN

QUOTA RIFT DEEPENS

Amit Shah said the govt aims to implement women's quota for 2029 LS polls by advancing the delimitation exercise, but Cong wants delimitation talks only in May | **P9**

After VIP passes controversy, 3-4 MLAs turn up for match

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

DESPITE receiving two VIP passes each, after a Congress MLA raised the demand triggering a controversy, many legislators did not turn up at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium to watch the IPL opener between Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) on Saturday.

Hardly three to four MLAs of the total 224 turned up at the stadium. CM Siddaramaiah, who was in Mysuru, said he will not be in Bengaluru to watch the match. "Those who want to go will go, those who don't will not," he said. DCM DK Shivakumar, who had backed the demand for tickets by MLAs saying it was their right and privilege, was busy campaigning in Assam, which is facing the Assembly polls.

Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara, who had attributed the MLAs' demand for VIP tickets to their interest in sports, was in his hometown Tumakuru. Siddaramaiah's close associate and Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh, who had taken part in the 'Ganahoma' performed by KSCA to ward off the 'obstacles' before restarting IPL matches, watched the match. **P4**

Next-gen homegrown captains in focus as league enters new era

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Bengaluru

WHEN Ishan Kishan was appointed interim captain of the Sunrisers Hyderabad franchise in the lead-up to the 19th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL), it was a small but significant in the competition's history. It meant captains of all franchises would be Indians, at least to begin the season. Taken in isolation, it may not mean a lot. But pull back the curtains a little bit and analyse it at the macro level. It suggests several things. Mainly, the league, firmly in its adulthood from this year, is willing to experiment in terms of how they appoint captains. Earlier, captains and experience went hand in hand. Captains and the biggest overseas stars of those teams went hand in hand. Not anymore.

Some franchises are beginning to get smarter. It's not a surprise because this is how leagues evolve, mirroring the format's international growth, penchant for data and the need to keep pushing the boundaries wherever possible.

Of course, this doesn't mean any Indian player will be considered for the post of captain but now Indians are more likely to be named as captains when compared to earlier. Then, there used to be a demand in franchise cricket to spend extra for the purpose of picking a captain. Boffins of teams in the bigger leagues have realised that specialist captains, in general, do not contribute extra points in a season.

It's why, over the last few seasons, Shreyas Iyer, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Shubman Gill, Axar Patel and, recently, Rajat Patidar (Royal Challengers Bengaluru(and Kishan were handed the gigs. Outside Gill, none of them were the biggest names of the side when they were given the job for the first time. This is an intriguing development for a league which was infatuated with its biggest stars. But after 19 years, it doesn't need hand-holding anymore.

RCB ace Virat Kohli celebrates his team's victory against SRH at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on Saturday. RCB chased a challenging target of 202 runs with four overs to spare. Kohli scored 69 off 38 balls | KEVIN NASHON | **P13**

ALMANAC TODAY
- **Sunday:** 29.03.2026 • **Year:** Parabhava • **Ayana:** Uththarayana
- **Ritu:** Vasantha • **Masa:** Chaitra • **Paksha:** Sukla • **Tithi:** Ekadasi 7.47 am
- **Nakshatra:** Ashlesha 2.40 pm • Moon in Simha Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 04:30 pm to 06:00 pm
- **Gulikakala:** 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

MIN 21°C | MAX 33°C
FORECAST Showers late

Sunrise 06.18 am | Sunset 06.31 pm | Moonrise 03.29 pm | Moonset 03.34 am

FOCUS ON INFRA, WELFARE ON CIVIC BUDGET DAY-2

● West Corporation allocates Rs 4,732 cr, North Rs 4,341.2 cr and South Rs 3,825.95 cr for 2026–27 ● Green spaces, lakes & waste mgmt get special attention

GBA Commissioner Maheshwar Rao with municipal commissioners before the budget presentation at Malleshwaram in Bengaluru on Saturday. Right: MLA Suresh Kumar and MLC MR Seetharam attend the event

West Corpn eyes Rs 1.96K crore revenue, to tighten tax collection

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

THE West City Corporation, with the highest number of wards (112) and a population of 45 lakh, on Saturday presented its first-ever budget with an outlay of Rs 4,732 crore for the year 2026–27. The budget focused on public works and welfare programmes by earmarking Rs 1,064.24 crore and Rs 661.96 crore, respectively. Out of the amount allocated for public works, Rs 667.74 crore will be used to develop arterial and sub-arterial roads.

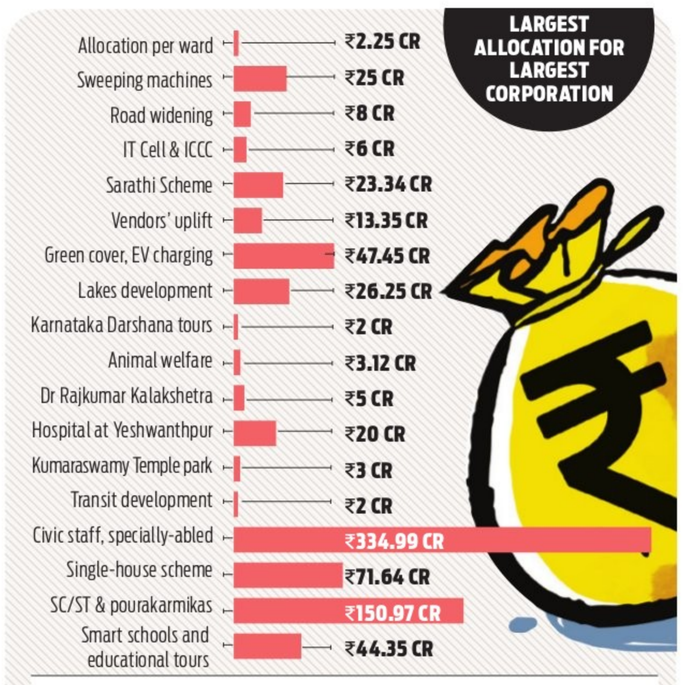
The Corporation aims to mop up a revenue of Rs 1,964.60 crore by bringing assets that are outside the tax net, and expects Rs 872 crore from property tax for the year 2026-27. Besides, it will also raise Rs 200 crore from municipal bonds.

Commissioner KV Rajendra, who presented the surplus budget of Rs 8.42 lakh, said Rs 563 crore is expected from the conversion of B-Khata to A-Khata. It will use the Advertisements Rules–2025 and permit private institutions to display commercial advertisements, aiming to generate approximately Rs 116 crore. The Corporation is also aiming to generate Rs 254 crore from e-Swathu applications and use the amount for comprehensive development works.

The Commissioner said, "We propose to generate Rs 380 crore through Premium Floor Area Ratio on properties. Through single-window approval, another Rs 200 crore is expected." Similar to the East and Central city corporations, the West City Corporation will also set up an Urban Design Cell for the master plan with the Rs 5.5 crore allocated for it. For effective solid waste management, Rs 300 crore has been allocated – the corporation will set up 10 waste transfer stations.

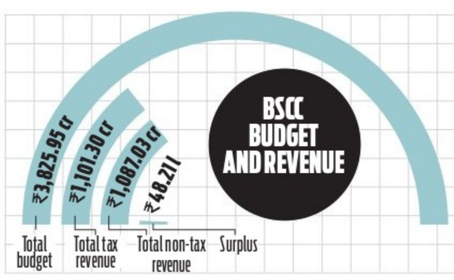
The corporation has allocated 118.73 crore for the health department. In that, Rs 10 crore will be used to set up regional centres of the Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology at Govindaraja Nagar Multi-Speciality Hospital. The state component will be Rs 15 crore for this project. That apart, a central clinical command centre will be set up in Sadashivanagar along with 28 Smart Virtual Clinics, with plans to expand it to 20 more at an additional cost of Rs 4 crore, Rajendra said.

The commissioner said Rs 50 crores has been allocated towards the improvement of junctions and the upgradation of footpaths. He said Rs 25 crore has been allocated for building Kempe Gowda Bhavan at Hampi Nagar and Rs 10 crore to set up an electric crematorium at Yeshwanthpur.


LARGEST ALLOCATION FOR LARGEST CORPORATION
Allocation per ward ₹2.25 CR
Sweeping machines ₹25 CR
Road widening ₹8 CR
IT Cell & ICCC ₹6 CR
Sarathi Scheme ₹23.34 CR
Vendors' uplift ₹13.35 CR
Green cover, EV charging ₹47.45 CR
Lakes development ₹26.25 CR
Karnataka Darshana tours ₹2 CR
Animal welfare ₹3.12 CR
Dr Rajkumar Kalakshetra ₹5 CR
Hospital at Yeshwanthpur ₹20 CR
Kumaraswamy Temple park ₹3 CR
Transit development ₹2 CR
Civic staff, specially-abled ₹334.99 CR
Single-house scheme ₹71.64 CR
SC/ST & pourakarmikas ₹150.97 CR
Smart schools and educational tours ₹44.35 CR

FOCUS ON LAKES WELCOME, BUT STOP SEWAGE INFLOW, SAYS RAM PRASAD

Friends of Lakes founder Ram Prasad said that while some of the city corporation budgets have focused on lake improvement, until and unless the sewage inflow into lakes is arrested, the money spent will continue to go down the drain. "Stormwater drains are choked with garbage. During heavy rains, we can see garbage and other trash being carried into the lakes. Lake development needs a holistic approach and needs cooperation among civic bodies like Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited and the five city corporations," he said.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BUDGET

- **₹8.50 cr** for mosquito control measures, including spraying ops
- **₹5 lakh** per house for pourakarmikas, SC/ST, backward classes, manual scavengers and persons with disabilities
- **₹1 lakh** for marriage expenses for daughters of pourakarmikas and manual scavengers
- **₹11.92 cr** for e-vending vehicles for eligible street vendors
- **₹12 cr** for unemployed, SC/CT and backward classes to buy autos and cars
- Zero-waste Wards with garbage-free zones
- Waste management centre at each ward with focus on biogas and compost production
- Mobile crematorium for small animals, birds, and livestock found dead in public places
- Special vigilance squad to detect tax evasions, monitor illegal buildings and encroachment removal

SOUTH FOCUSES ON WIDER ROADS, FLOOD CONTROL

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

WIDENING of several major roads, construction of grade separators, junction development, developing 'sponge parks' to control floods and building barrier-free elevated skywalk near Banashankari Temple are among the major highlights of Bengaluru South City Corporation's (BSCC) budget presented here on Saturday.

Of the Rs 3,825.95 crore outlay for 2026-27, a whopping 43 per cent, that is Rs 1,661.95 crore, is set for public development works. Similar to other corporations, for ward developmental works, Rs 2.25 crore each is allotted to all the 72 wards.

It is proposed to collect Rs 1,101.30 crore from property tax, Rs 382 crore through building plan approvals and issuance of occupancy certificate, Rs 360 crore through premium FAR (Floor Area Ratio), a revenue of Rs 225 crore through khata conversion and aims to mop up Rs 200 cr through municipal bonds. Further, through advertisements by allocation hoardings on major corridors and roads, the Corporation is expecting a revenue of Rs 126 crore.

Corporation Commissioner Ramesh K N, who presented the budget, said, "Land is required for the widening of several existing major roads, construction of grade separators, and development of junctions. These development works will be carried out by providing TDR (Transferable Development Rights). An amount of Rs 50.45 crore has been earmarked for land acquisition and related development works".

To increase the city's traffic capacity, Ramesh said that road widening works would be taken up on Subramanyapura Road (from Banashankari Temple to Outer Ring Road) at Rs 20 crores, and from Begur Main Road to Begur Koppa Road at Rs 40 crores. He added that they are aiming to complete the much-delayed Ejipura Elevated Corridor by September.

He said that several important road development projects will be undertaken in phases to improve major traffic corridors in South Bengaluru, including the development of Bannerghatta Road, from Dairy Circle to NICE Road, this financial year.

Also, to ensure safe movement for pedestrians between Banashankari Temple, the Metro Station, and the TTMC (Traffic and Transit Management Centre), a barrier-free elevated pedestrian skywalk will be developed at Rs 32 crores. For junction beautification, upgrading pedestrian pathways, and construction of skywalks in the next three years, Rs 50 crore is set aside.

"To absorb excess rainwater and reduce urban flooding, Sponge Parks are proposed to be developed at Rs 2 crore," he said. The budget proposes to set up a 50-bed maternity hospital in Ejipura at Rs 18.96 crore, and Rs 13.03 crore will be utilised for the repair of 25 Urban Primary Health Centres and procurement of equipment.

"An amount of Rs 5 crore has been earmarked for emergency preparedness, procurement of equipment, and establishing rapid response mechanisms", Ramesh said. He added that to introduce paperless administration across all BSCC offices and ensure transparency in file disposal, necessary measures will be undertaken to manage files through the e-Office system.

The South Corporation will construct its own office in front of Banashankari Temple at an estimated cost of Rs 150 crore, with works commencing this year.

North to spend 62% of its funds for public development works

INDRA S @ Bengaluru

THE Bengaluru North City Corporation (BNCC) on Saturday presented its Rs 4,341.2 crore budget for 2026–27, outlining a roadmap that prioritises infrastructure development, targeted welfare schemes and environmental sustainability across its 72 wards. A major highlight of the budget is the strong push for infrastructure – 61.77% of total expenditure – with over Rs 2,681.57 crore earmarked for public development works.

Twelve roads spanning 30.5km have been identified for widening. Footpath development has been prioritised, with Rs 18 crore allocated to develop nearly 1,000 km of pedestrian-friendly walkways, alongside Rs 50 crore for junction improvements, skywalks and related infrastructure.

The budget, presented by BNCC Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar, estimates total receipts of Rs 4,344 crore against an expenditure of Rs 4,341.20 crore, leaving a surplus of Rs 2.80 crore. Property tax and related revenues are expected to contribute over Rs 826 crore, while non-tax revenues, urban planning approvals and State capital grants are projected to form a significant portion of the revenue base.

The budget provides substantial allocations for solid waste management, including Rs 13.38 crore for administrative expenses, Rs 129.57 crore for collection and transportation and Rs 157.05 crore for capital works through Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited. To curb illegal dumping, 110 CCTV cameras will be installed across identified black spots.

Mechanisation of cleaning has also been prioritised, with Rs 12 crore allocated for sweeping machines and Rs 5 crore for litter-picking equipment. Eight transfer stations are proposed to streamline waste processing.

Environmental and climate initiatives feature prominently. Under the Green is Life programme, Rs 10.51 crore has been allocated for urban forestry, including tree plantation and conservation. Another Rs 4.16 crore will be spent for increasing green cover. The corporation has also earmarked Rs 20 crore for climate action initiatives aimed at addressing pollution and enhancing environmental resilience.

Lake rejuvenation is a key focus, with Rs 8 crore allocated for maintenance of 30 lakes and Rs 40 crore for development of additional water bodies, including Srinivasapura and Mallasandra Gudde lakes. Plans are also underway to revive degraded lakes such as Banasawadi and Lingarajapuram along with comprehensive development of Singapura Lake. The areas around the waterbodies will be declared plastic-free zones. Street vendors have been given prominence, with Rs 7.1 crore allocated for e-vending vehicles and Rs 60 lakh for vending zones.

Welfare measures targeting vulnerable sections form a major component of the budget. The budget also includes Rs 73 lakh for transgender welfare, Rs 1.47 crore for senior citizens and Rs 1.10 crore for the maintenance of night shelters. Rs 7.6 crore has been allocated for the distribution of free laptops to around 1,200 students from Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and backward and minority communities. Under women-focused initiatives, Rs 27 lakh has been earmarked to set up "Akka Cafes", while support for working women includes electric two-wheelers and skill-based assistance.

In the health sector, free dialysis services have been expanded to new centres, while 100-bed hospitals in Sarvagnanagar, Byatarayanapura and Pulakeshinagar are set to be operationalised.

GREEN MEASURES
- Climate action plan ₹20 crore
- Lake development ₹40 crore
- Lake maintenance ₹8 crore
- Urban forestry ₹10+ crore

P'KARMIKA UPLIFT
- Welfare allocation ₹10 crore
- Pay revision support: ₹19.12 crore
- DPS workers ₹13 crore

SOCIAL WELFARE
- Housing scheme ₹71.07 crore
- Transgender welfare ₹73 lakh
- Senior citizens ₹1.47 crore
- Night shelters ₹1.1 crore
- NGO grants ₹11 crore

ANIMAL WELFARE
- Modern slaughterhouse ₹14 crore
- Stray dog vaccination ₹5 crore (65,000 dogs)
- Stray dog birth control ₹3 crore
- Animal shelters ₹3.80 crore

PARKS & GREEN SPACES
- Park maintenance ₹37 crore
- Park development ₹25 crore
- Recharge pits 200 planned
- New toilets in parks: 50 proposed

REVA varsity placement tops at Rs 45.5 LPA

Bengaluru: The REVA University on Saturday hosted Abhinandan 2026, its placement felicitation ceremony, at its campus in the city. The university achieved around 3370 job offers, with the count still growing. The highest CTC stood at Rs 45.5 LPA, while the top stipend reached Rs 1.16 lakh per month. More than 400 companies, including 34 foreign recruiters, participated in the event. Addressing the gathering, University Chancellor Dr P Shyama Raju, said, "Our goal goes beyond placements. We nurture individuals who can lead, innovate and create opportunities for others. These achievements reflect not just academic excellence, but the confidence and capability of our students to thrive in a dynamic global landscape." Vice-Chancellor Dr Sanjay S Chitnis, Registrar Dr M Dhanamjaya, APJC Sr Director (Talent Discovery, SAP) Kamal Stephen, Director and head campus relations (HCLTech) Prasath P and Associate Director (Campus Hiring & Strategy, EY GDS) Leema MP were present. **ENS**

Sambhram Institute organises international conference on advanced computing

Bengaluru: Sambhram Institute of Technology organised a two-day international conference, ICACSICE 2026, on March 27 and 28 as part of its silver jubilee celebrations. The conference received 592 paper submissions from participants across India and countries such as the US and Malaysia. Research areas included AI, machine learning, deep learning, blockchain, IoT and robo. Chief guest Preeti M Kolavi, a software solutions architect at HP, stressed the importance of continuous research and said conferences are platforms for networking and knowledge sharing. Dr Kannadhasan Suriyan, associate professor and head of ECE at Study World College of Engineering, Coimbatore, delivered the keynote address. Group Chairman Dr V Nagaraj presided over the event. BN Nagaraj, CEO, Dhanya Nagaraj, Director, Dr HG Chandrakanth, principal and Dr T John Peter, professor and head of CSE, were present. **ENS**

₹40cr pact with BMRCL gives Bagmane naming rights

Bengaluru: Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has signed a grant agreement with Bagmane Developers Pvt Ltd for financial participation in the Phase-2A metro project, on Friday. The agreement states that Bagmane Developers will contribute Rs 40 crore towards constructing the DRDO Sports Complex Metro Station on the Outer Ring Road corridor, with Rs 20 crore already remitted. The company will also support enhancements to the station's interiors and facade. In return, BMRCL will grant naming rights for 20 years, subject to state approval, with the proposed name "Bagmane DRDO Sports Complex Metro Station". The agreement does not include commercial or advertising rights.The station is part of the 19.75-km corridor between Central Silk Board and KR Puram. **ENS**

With no immediate end to the West Asia crisis in sight, the Bangalore Trades Association, in its 125th year now, organised a prayer for global peace. Hundreds of members and volunteers took out a candle-light march from Anil Kumble Circle to Deepam Silks, where it culminated with a silent prayer for global peace

Wazir Pasha (47), who was absconding for the past 10 years, was arrested by the Kolar town police. Wazir, a resident of KG Mohalla, Kolar district, was reportedly involved in assault and rioting a decade ago and absconding since then. Following a court warrant, the police arrested Wazir from Johnson Market in Bengaluru

TIGHT SECURITY ENSURES ORDERLY CONDUCT

Fans not allowed to loiter outside stadium gates; around 2,000 personnel, including law and order police & traffic cops, deployed

1. An aerial view of floodlit M Chinnaswamy Stadium, ahead of RCB-SRH match in Bengaluru **2.** A police officer uses a megaphone to guide and regulate fans entering the stadium **3**. An RCB fan with face paint cheers ahead of the match **4.** A fan with an SRH flag outside the stadium | VINOD KUMAR T

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

IN the wake of last year's stampede during the RCB victory celebrations, authorities put in place tighter security and stricter crowd control measures during the inaugural match of IPL-19 season between Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Sunrisers Hyderabad in the city on Saturday.

Security arrangements were visibly stronger this time, with thorough ticket checks at multiple entry points. Spectators were not allowed to gather or wait outside the stadium gates and were asked to either move inside or leave the area. As a result, fewer people were seen loitering near the venue compared to previous matches.

Around 2,000 personnel, including law and order police, traffic police, civil defence staff, home guards and traffic wardens, were deployed to manage the crowds and regulate movement around the stadium.

Many spectators arrived hours before the match with their enthusiasm evident as the stadium turned into a sea of red. Fans waved flags, cheered loudly, and posed for photos, creating a festive atmosphere

outside the stadium. Many had painted their faces and worn team jerseys, showing unwavering support for Royal Challengers Bengaluru.

Despite the heavy turnout, the situation remained largely under control. A few minor commotions and small scuffles were reported outside some gates, but police responded quickly and managed the situation effectively, ensuring the safety of all those present. The improved arrangements contributed to a more organised and safer environment for spectators attending the match. Despite the strict security measures, the excitement and energy of the crowd was visible, with supporters eager to witness the mighty clash.

Chinnaswamy stampede: Parents await justice as IPL returns to ground

RASHMI PATIL @Bengaluru

IT has not even been a year since the stampede outside M Chinnaswamy Stadium on June 4, 2025, killing 11 people and leaving more than 33 people seriously injured. Cut to March 2026, the first match of the Indian Premier League (IPL) was hosted in the same stadium on Saturday, even as parents of these victims are yet to catch on with their normal lives like everybody else and come to terms with the fact that their kids are never to return.

Among the 11 dead, there were school, college students and a few working professionals who had come to the stadium for a glimpse of their favourite cricketers.

Speaking to TNIE, Ashwini UL, mother of Divyanshi BS (14) who died in the stampede, was angry. She asked, "What can the government or anyone do now? Can you bring back my daughter or get me justice for whatever happened? Will somebody come forward to take responsibility of killing these 11 people? If the government had some conscience, they wouldn't have organised the match in the same spot again. I agree that they have built a memorial and set up chairs in the remembrance of 11 people. But how many families even know about it? They are still under grief."

11 seats at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium have been permanently left empty in remembrance of lives lost in the 2025 stampede | KEVIN NASHON

When asked if she was able to get the gold bangles and earrings Divyanshi wore, she said, "No, we don't have a clue of who stole those jewellery when she was taken to hospital. We never got a call regarding it."

Karunakar Shetty, father of victim, Chinmay Shetty (19), expressing his anger against the government, said, "After the incident, the government handed over the case to CID for investigation. The authorities spoke to everyone, except me. Despite they requesting me many times, I refused to go. When they asked me again, I asked them, 'What's the use of interrogation? Anyways, the government would be given a clean chit'. The same thing happened and we are still awaiting justice." Chinmay was a first-year student of Computer Science Engineering. She was a class topper, an Yakshagana artiste, a basketball player and a Bharatnatyam dancer.

Lakshman DH, father of Bhoomik (19), burst into tears remembering his son, "I remember my son every day; only we know the value of his loss. Had the government known the value of these 11 lives, they wouldn't have held a match in the same place. There was compensation money given to us but that cannot be equivalent to a life. What is more painful is that we haven't received a single call from RCB so far."

Four engg students killed in 2 accidents

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

FOUR engineering students have died in two separate accidents in and around the city.

Three of the four students were friends, and died in Kudur police limits of Bengaluru South district. They were on a Bullet bike when they met with an accident at Marur Handpost at the Kunigal-Hassan road intersection. Abhishek (21) from Belur, Manoj (22) from Davanagere and Naveen (22) from Hassan were staying together at a paying guest accommodation in the city.

"The friends were riding triple on the Bullet and were heading to Belur. The accident occurred around 4 am on Saturday. Abhishek and Manoj died on the spot, while Naveen succumbed to his injuries at a hospital. A lorry, crossing the junction while coming from Magadi, collided with the bike that was going towards Hassan. It was the fault of the lorry driver," said an officer. The police arrested the driver and seized the lorry.

Another engineering student, Akshaj Gowda (21), died in the KS Layout traffic police limits. The accident occurred around 11.15pm on Friday in front of a hotel on the Uttarahalli-Kengeri main road. "Gowda was from Nelamangala and residing at Uttarahalli. He and his friend Ganesh (22) were returning home on a two-wheeler after having dinner. Gowda, riding the two-wheeler, did not notice a truck that was parked on the main road without any indicator and rammed into it. He died due to his injuries in the hospital. Ganesh is undergoing treatment as an inpatient," said an officer. The KS Layout traffic police arrested the truck driver.

Realtor dead after falling off from his scooter

Another accident, reported in Chikkajala traffic police limits, claimed the life of Shubham Rai, after he fell from his scooter, on the Sathanur-Bagalur Road at around 1 am on Saturday. He was from Bagalur and worked in a real estate office.

Missing girl found dead, insider's job suspected

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

The body of a four-and-a-half year-old girl who had gone missing since Thursday evening was found at an eucalyptus grove, at Bholu Ghutta in Vittaganahalli, Electronic City police limits. The police are not ruling out the possibility of sexual assault on the victim, as her body was found naked. The accused have also disfigured her face by smashing it with a stone to conceal identity.The deceased hailed from Assam, and was a resident of Vittasandra. Her father works as a housekeeping staffer at an apartment and also as a rag picker. The family was staying in a temporary shed. The girl went missing on Thursday evening while playing outside the shed. Her parents approached the police on Friday afternoon after the search for her went in vain. The police found the body at night. "The victim, suspected to be kidnapped, was strangled to death. The murder could be due to some enmity with her family members. The accused must be known to the victim. The postmortem report will throw light if the girl was sexually assaulted. The accused must have taken the victim after luring her with some sweets or gifts," said an officer. A case of kidnap, murder and also under a few sections of the POCSO Act, 2012 are registered against the accused.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify General Public that the Original documents being Title Deeds 01. Rectification Deed dated 15.06.2016, and regd. As documents No.YAN-1-01692-2016-17, of Book I, stored in CD No.YAND629, In the Office of Sub Registrar, Yelahanka, pertaining to the property being Site bearing No.1599/01, New PID No.005-W2197-19, Old Municipal Khata No.441/1, presently BBMP Khatha No.110/109/467/387/1, Nehru Nagar, Yelahanka Old Town, Yelahanka, Bangalore-64, are reportedly not traced and the lost report dated 28.03.2026 in lost report No.2128838/26 is issued by the Bengaluru City Police.

Any person having any claim or objections whatsoever may represent to the undersigned within 1 week from this date, failing which it will be taken that there are no objections to the same.

M.VENKATESH, Advocate
No.59/1, 1st Floor, 1st 'N' Block,
Near Vidyavardhaka School, Rajajinagar,
Bangalore-10. Mob: 9986465409.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that our client **Mr. Chethan S.** intends to purchase the **Southern Portion of the Site No.46 and Full Portion of SITE NO.47,** Khaneshumari No. 107, New Assessment No. 75/1 (Old No. 75), Katha No. 76, situated at Andrahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, now coming under the limits of **Ward No. 40, BBMP, Bengaluru**, bearing **E-Swathu EPID No. 7879304660**.

The said property measures:
East to West: (55 + 57) / 2 = **56 Feet** (North Side: 55-0 Feet, South Side: 57-0 Feet)

North to South: (23 + 37) / 2 = **30 Feet** (West Side: 23-0 Feet, East Side: 37-0 Feet)
Total Measurement: 1680 Square Feet

And bounded on the:
- **East by:** Property bearing Nos. 21 & 20
- **West by:** Road
- **North by:** Site No. 46
- **South by:** Private Property

The said property is presently owned by **Mr. Madhu M.**, who acquired the same from **Smt. Siddamma** through a Registered Sale Deed vide Document No. **YPR-1-02033/2025-26**, Book-I, dated **09/07/2025**, registered at the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagar (Yeshwanthpura), Bengaluru.

Further, the said property was acquired by **Smt. Siddamma** from **Mr. D. J. Nagaraj** through a General Power of Attorney with full rights dated **03/02/1997**, who in turn acquired the same from **Mr. Krishnamurthy** through a Registered Sale Deed vide Document No. **307/1996-97**, Book-I, dated **29/02/1996**, registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru.

Therefore, the general public are hereby informed that **Mr. Chethan S. is in the process of purchasing the above said property**. Any person(s), Nationalized Banks, MNC Banks, Private Banks, Co-operative Banks, or any Financial Institutions governed by RBI Rules having any claim, right, title, interest, charge, lien, or objections over the said property are hereby requested to lodge their claims/objections in writing within **7 (Seven) days** from the date of publication of this notice to the undersigned Advocate, failing which it shall be presumed that there are no claims and the transaction will be completed accordingly.

Advocate:
Ranganath Rangegowda
Advocate | We Care Associates
Gandhinagar, Bengaluru
9739617781

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(A Government Of India Undertaking)

REGIONAL OFFICE WEST
Chitrapur Mutt Complex, Malleswaram 15th Cross, Bangalore-560055.

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]
TO BORROWERS/ GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Regional Office West** had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Speed post, to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addresses at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by Speed post, notice could not be served. The contents of the said notice are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers/ Mortgagors / Guarantors : (1) Mr. Ravi Yanni (Borrower) C/o Laxman, No.20, 20th Main, 2nd Cross, Near Maheshwari Temple, Marenahalli Bengaluru North-560040. **(1A) Mr. Ravi Yanni (Borrower)** C/o Laxman, Flat No.301, 2nd Floor To Flat No .401, 3rd Floor, "Srihari Arcade", BEML 5th Stage, Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-560066.

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Sl. No.	Loan No	Nature of Loan/Limit	Amount	Date of sanction	Liability With Interest As On 25.03.2026	Rate Of Interest
1.	160001857110	Housing Loan	Rs. 98,80,000/-	29.09.2023	Rs. 99,54,850.29	7.70% +2 % Penal Interest
2.	164003817210	Home Loan Secure	Rs. 3,20,785/-/-	29.09.2023	Rs. 3,02,957/-	8.10% +2 % Penal Interest

Total Liability Amount: Rs. 1,02,57,807.29 (Rupees One Crore Two Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Seven and Twenty Nine Paise Only) as on **25.03.2026** together with further interest thereon and incidental expenses and costs.

NPA Date : 25.03.2026 **Demand Notice Dated : 26.03.2026**

Details of security assets : Immovable Property

Name of the Title holder : Mr. Ravi Yanni

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY (Entire Property) : All That Piece And Parcel of the intermediate property bearing Site No.1297, New BBMP Katha No.3429/3352/1297/3397 in the Sy No.91/2, 99/1, 99/2,99/3, 101/2, 140, 141, 142, 173, 174, 175, 178, 180, 181, 182, 184, 188, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 207, 208, 210, 211, 217/1B, 217/2, 218/1, 218/2, 219, 220, 223/1, 223/2, 224/1, 224/2, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229/1, 229/2, 230 and 240 formed by The BEML Employees Co-Operative Housing Society Limited, Bangalore,Situated at BEML 5th Stage, Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently within the limits of BBMP, Ward No.160, Rajarajeshwari Nagar Sub Division, measuring East to West: 60-0 feet and North to South: 40-0 feet, totally measuring 266.66 Sq Yards or 2400 Square feet, and bounded on: East by- Site No.1288, West by- Road, North by- Site No.1296, South by- Site No.1298.

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY (Description of the undivided interest in the land herein) : 280 Sq. feet undivided share, right, title and interest in the land comprised in the schedule 'A' property.

SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY (Property herein conveyed) : Three Bed Rooms Apartment bearing Flat No.Tf-401 in the Third Floor, measuring 1405 Square Feet of super built up area with Granite Flooring, with one covered car parking place in the Basement/Stilt Floor, part of multistoried residential apartment known as "SRIHARI ARCADE" (Apartment) constructed at SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY along with all the rights in the common areas and easements.

CERSAI ID : 400074846168

You are here by called upon to pay **Canara Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers, Mortgagers and Guarantors. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagors including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 28.03.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my client has agreed to purchase the schedule property from its owner namely, Smt. Shruthi G W/o Mahendra Rao Pawar, residing at Doddamaratha Pet, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, Bengaluru - 562 106.

Apart from the said owner if any, other person/s have any manner of right, title or interest or claim- or charge are lien over the schedule property or otherwise, have any lawful objection/s for the sale of the schedule property by the aforesaid owner, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in righting along with photo copies of the documents on which they rely, with the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 25, as per BBMP records Property/Municipal No. 10, situated at 3rd Cross Road, Madivala Extension, Bengaluru, having PID No. 5991353309, Property No. 25/10, Ward No. 172 (formerly site No. 25, madivala Villag, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru south Taluk), measuring East to West 45-0 feet and North to South 50-0 feet, in all measuring 2250 square feet, together with 2 square of A C Sheet roofed house thereon and bounded on:

East by : 30 Feet Road, West by : Site no. 26, North by : Road, South by : Site No. 28

Sri. B. Dinesh, Advocate,
No.16, Second Floor, Padmavathi Arcade,
1st Main Road, N.R. Colony,
Bangalore - 560 019.
Mob : 9448505446 & 8904420395
Place : Bangalore Date : 27-03-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from Mr. Rahul Saraogi, aged about 37 years, S/o Mr. Pradip Kumar Saraogi, and Ms. Akanksha Singh, aged about 36 years, W/o Mr. Rahul Saraogi, both presently residing at: Apartment No. B1007, Tower 'B', 10th Floor, 'Keya Spring', constructed on residentially converted land bearing Sy. Nos. 85/2 & 85/1, Arakere Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bangalore, who claim to be its absolute and exclusive owners. Any person / persons having any objection for the said transaction or any claim / title / interest / share over the Schedule Property may lodge their objection / claim, with proper proof and documents, with the undersigned, within 7 (Seven) days from the date of publishing of this notice. Failing which, my Client would go ahead with the transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Apartment No. B1007, Tower 'B', 10th Floor, 'Keya Spring', constructed on residentially converted land bearing Sy. Nos. 85/2 & 85/1, Arakere Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bangalore, (land measuring 3 Acres 5 Guntas, bounded on the East by: Purshottam Reddy's land and private plots; West by: Property of Fashion Factory Int. Pvt. Ltd., Sy. No. 45/2 & 45/3 C. Krishna Reddy's land and Sy. No. 85/3; North by: Krishna Reddy Layout & Yellappa Reddy Layout; South by: Road, within revenue administration jurisdiction of Greater Bangalore Authority), with apartment super-built-up area of 1,375 and undivided share in the said land of 403 square feet and the said apartment is bounded on the :- East by : Flat No. B06, West by : Flat No. B01, North by : Flat No. B03, South by : Site Boundary

Vikram Phadke, Advocate
502/40, 54th Cross, III Block Rajajinagar,
Bengaluru - 560 010. Mob: 9900643470

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 29/2026/SBC Date : 26.03.2026

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender for the following work.

SN	Tender No.	Description in brief (E-open Tender)	Qty.	Unit
1	L8265088	Supply, Installation and commissioning of Hydraulic Re-Railing Equipment (HRE) (COFMOW Compendium No. COFMOW/IR/REE/2022,Rev-0 Dt:01.06.2018 Sl.no.310)	1	Set

Last date for Submission of bids : **Upto 10.30 hrs on 27.04.2026**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby brought to the notice of the public at large that Mr S. Appayya s/o Late Sonnappa, Mr N Ramu s/o Late Narayannappa, Mr Suresh K s/o Late Krishnappa, Mr N Venkatesh s/o Late Narayannappa, Mr N Ramachandra s/o Late Narayannappa, Mr Maregowda s/o Late Krishnappa and Ms T K Manjula d/o Late Krishnappa (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "**Land Owners**") are the absolute and lawful owners and in actual, lawful and physical possession of land parcels bearing Survey No. 26/8, admeasuring 0-17-00 guntas, and Survey No. 26/9, admeasuring 0-17-00 guntas, aggregating to 0-34-00 guntas (i.e., 0.85 acres), both situated at K. Narayanapur Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District (hereinafter referred to as the "**Subject Land**").

That the original of Sale Deed dated 26.04.1949 duly registered as Document no. 79 of 1949-50, Book no. 1, Volume no. 1079, on Pages 142 and 144 on 03.07.1949 executed by Thandavappa s/o Chikka Erappa in favour of Marappa s/o Muniyappa (Hittalahalli/of Hittalahalli) pertaining to Subject Land and other land parcels (hereinafter referred to as the "**Lost Document**"), has been lost/misplaced and is not traceable despite diligent search.

Any entity / person including but not limited to any Bank, Financial Institution, Governmental/Statutory Authority or any person is in possession of the Lost Document and/or has dealt with the Subject Land, any time in the past, or claiming any right, title, interest, or benefit in the Subject Land by way of any of the executants of the Lost Document, or on the basis of the Lost Document or in other any manner whatsoever, shall be doing so entirely at his/her own risk, cost, consequences, and liability, and the Land Owners shall not be responsible or liable for the same.

Any entity / person including but not limited to any Bank, Financial Institution, Governmental/Statutory Authority or any person having any claim, objection, or interest in respect of the Subject Land or the Lost Document is hereby required to notify the undersigned in writing, together with supporting documentary evidence, within 14 (fourteen) days from the date of publication of this notice to the person and at the address mentioned at the end.

In the absence of any claim or objection within the aforesaid period, it shall be presumed that no person has any claim over the Subject Land or the Lost Document whatsoever, and thereafter any duplicate and/or certified copy of the Lost Document issued in respect of the Subject Land by the competent authorities shall be treated as valid and original document of title of the Subject Land for all legal purposes and intent, and the Lost Document shall be deemed cancelled and rendered null and void.

Advocate - Prem Krishnan Nambiar / CM Venkat Reddy
E-mail Id – legal@legalvortex.in +91-8431461536
#23, Door No. 103, 1st Floor, "Suraj Sadan", 2nd Cross,
Adjacent Federal Bank, Syndicate Bank Road,
Gandhinagar, Bangalore 560009

Date : 26-03-2026
Place : Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public at large that, M/s. **APLS Private Limited**. (the "**Company**"), having its registered office at Divyasree Chambers, Wing-A, O' Shaugnessy Road, Richmond Town, Bangalore – 560025, Karnataka, India, is intending to transact in respect of Land falling in Survey No. 26/8 admeasuring 0-17-00 guntas and Survey No. 26/9 admeasuring 0-17-00 guntas aggregating to 0-34-00 guntas (i.e., 0.85 acres), both the land parcels are situated at K. Narayanapur Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "**Subject Land**", which is comprised in land parcels detailed in **Schedule A** herein) from Mr S. Appayya s/o Late Sonnappa, Mr N Ramu s/o Late Narayannappa, Mr Suresh K s/o Late Krishnappa, Mr N Venkatesh s/o Late Narayannappa, Mr N Ramachandra s/o Late Narayannappa, Mr Maregowda s/o Late Krishnappa and Ms T K Manjula d/o Late Krishnappa (herein collectively referred to as the "**Land Owners**"), to enable our Client to inter-alia develop and construct building(s) over the Subject Land and to use each and every part of such building(s) for its own use/to lease to third parties ("**Transaction**").

The Land Owners have represented to the Company that the Land Owners are the sole and absolute owners and in vacant, lawful & actual physical possession of the Subject Land and every part thereof.

Any entity / person including but not limited to any Bank, Financial Institution, Governmental/Statutory Authority or any person having or claiming any right, title, possession, claim, benefit, demand or interest with respect to the Subject Land or any part thereof, or any area constructed/to be constructed thereon, or has/have any objection to the intended above-referred transaction by our Client or if any entity / person including but not limited to any Bank, Financial Institution, Governmental/Statutory Authority or any Person has any knowledge of or is a party to or is a beneficiary of any allotment, sale, exchange, assignment, charge, gift, license, tenancy, inheritance, lien, mortgage, hypothecation, encumbrance, claim, possession, attachment proceedings, contract/agreement, development rights, partnership, family arrangement/ settlement, and/or pending litigation/legal proceedings, Decree or Order of any Court of Law and/or Award under, the Karnataka Land Reforms Act, 1961 and/or The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (RFCTLARR) Act, 2013 and/or, The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Karnataka Amendment) Act, 2019 and/or, any other enactment/law and/or, any prohibition or any other impediment with respect to and/or related to the Subject Land or any part thereof, such entity / person including but not limited to any Bank, Financial Institution or any Governmental/Statutory Authority shall inform us in writing with documentary proof on the address mentioned below within a period of 14 (Fourteen days) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it shall be presumed that no adverse right, title, possession, interest, share, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever exists in respect of and/or related to the Subject Land, and the Company upon purchase of the Subject Land shall be vested with absolute, clear and marketable title, possession and interest over the Subject Land and every part thereof and all areas constructed/to be constructed thereon and shall be fully entitled and empowered to sell, transfer, convey and/or mortgage and hand over lawful physical possession of the Subject Land and every part thereof and all areas constructed/to be constructed thereon, as deemed fit by the Company.

SCHEDULE A

Subject Land falling in Survey No. 26/8 admeasuring 0-17-00 guntas and Survey No. 26/9 admeasuring 0-17-00 guntas aggregating to 0-34-00 guntas (i.e., 0.85 acres), both the land parcels are situated at K. Narayanapur Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

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S. No.	Branch	Loan A/c No(s)	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	Amount Outstanding	Date of Possession Taken	Description of the Property/ies mortgaged
1	Mallesh-waram	HOU/ MLS/ 0717/ 411179	Mr. Pradeep Shyam Jadhav and Mrs. Ramya	09/09/ 2025	Rs. 6,61,135/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Sixty One Thousand One Hundred and Thirty Five Only) due as on 09-09-2025	24-03-2026 (Physical Possession)	"All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.17, Old Sy No. 178, New Sy. No. 178/2, of 1 Acre 2 Guntas duly converted vide Official Memorandum No. ALN (N) SR 154/2004-05 dated 26.10.2004, E PID No. 150200201400221025, old Khatha No,226, New Khath No. 133/17, situated at Kadabagere Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 900 Sq. feet and bounded on the: "East by: Site No. 18,"West by: Road"North by: Site No. 16"South by: Road."

Date:24.03.2026, Place:Bangalore
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RSS Sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat emphasized that Hinduism is not merely a religion but a way of life rooted in inclusivity, respect, and collective progress. He said true dharma lies in uniting society, respecting diverse beliefs, and working for the welfare of all

BYPOLL RESULTS WON'T IMPACT MY POSITION AS CM: SIDDU

Says Congress will win byelections in both Davanagere South and Bagalkot constituencies, will kick-off campaigning on Monday

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STATING that the bypoll results will not have any impact on his position, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah expressed confidence that Congress will secure victories in both the Davanagere South and Bagalkot Assembly constituencies in the ensuing bypolls.

Speaking to reporters at Mysuru Airport on Saturday, he said the party is upbeat about its prospects in the bypolls and he will kick off campaigning on Monday. He will travel to Kerala later to campaign for the Assembly elections on April 5.

"Congress had won the previous by-election, and this is a continuation of that momentum. There is no ambiguity in Davanagere," he said.

Asked whether the by-election outcome would influence his position as Chief Minister, Siddaramaiah said the elections are unconnected with the post. "If the party high command permits, I will present the budget for the next two years. We will act in accordance with the directions of the high command," he added.

Detailing his campaign schedule, Siddaramaiah said he would campaign in Bagalkot on March 30 and 31, and again on April 3 and 4, before heading to Kerala on April 5. "On April 6, I will visit either Bagalkot or Davanagere. The Congress will also win the 2028 Assembly elections on the back of welfare programmes we rolled out for the people," he said.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah addresses media persons at Mysuru Airport on Saturday

On the implementation of the bilingual education policy and opposition from private schools, the CM said it has been decided to set SSLC marks at 525 rather than 625 by ensuring that Hindi is not made a compulsory third language. "There can be support or opposition to any government decision. We have no objection to students learning Hindi, but it should not be mandatory for scoring marks. When we were students, Hindi was not compulsory," he said.

Responding to a query on drug trafficking in Mysuru, he said the government has declared a crackdown on the menace. "Our aim is to make Karnataka drug-free. A drug network has been detected in Mysuru, and strict legal action will be taken against those involved," he said.

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>
> Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister

CEO ORDERS BAN ON EXIT POLLS

Bengaluru: Following directions from the Election Commission, the Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka, has issued orders banning exit polls for the bypolls to the Davangere South (107) and Bagalkote (24) Assembly constituencies. The orders were issued on March 27, and made public on Saturday. The order stated that the notification regarding the ban on exit polls for the bypolls has been published in the state gazette. The Election Commission has issued directions banning exit polls in eight Assembly constituencies in six states. "From 7 am of April 9 (Thursday) to 6.30 pm of April 29 (Wednesday), conducting and publishing or publicising exit polls through the print or electronic media or dissemination in any other manner whatsoever, shall be prohibited," the order stated.

Clash erupts as BJP, Cong workers face off over campaign challenge

G SUBHASH CHANDRA @Davanagere

TENSION prevailed at KB Extension here, where BJP and Congress workers clashed after saffron party members threw a challenge and it was accepted by Congress.

It all started with Chikkaballapur Congress MLA Pradeep Eshwar urging minorities not to vote for BJP. His remarks drew a backlash from former mayor BJ Ajaykumar, who challenged Pradeep to campaign in Davanagere. Pradeep not only travelled to Davanagere, but also kickstarted the Congress campaign near the BJP office.

As soon as Pradeep started his campaigning, BJP workers raised slogans against him and showed brooms and slippers to the crowd.

As commotion ensued, BJP workers hurled slippers at the crowd, but it went unnoticed in the broader fray and the situation remained largely under control. Pradeep asserted that he is in Davanagere to work for Congress candidate Samarth Shamanur's victory and said he is ready to accept any challenge.

Sensing the volatility of the situation, the police deployed adequate personnel and cordoned off the area.

MLA Pradeep Eshwar campaigns for Samarth Shamanur in Davanagere on Saturday. Left: BJP workers showing slippers to Pradeep | EXPRESS

'Minorities must vote responsibly'

Addressing the media, Pradeep asked, "Who resisted the prayers of minorities? Who opposed the hijab? Who discouraged people from purchasing goods from minority shopkeepers? Who scolded revered minority religious personalities? Who questioned the nationality and love of the country by minorities? Who urged minorities to relocate to another country?"

He stated that while Congress is committed to the integration of the nation, BJP promotes disintegration along the lines of religion, caste, creed and colour. "BJP should be rejected outright, not only in the by-elections, but in future elections as well," he added.

He pointed out that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah allocated funds for minorities in this year's budget in accordance with constitutional provisions. But BJP, despite its earlier stance, criticises it by branding it a "minority budget", and Pradeep called it yet another instance of double standards.

He alleged that BJP and its leaders, including the expelled Basanagouda Patil Yatnal and Pratap Simha, have been targeting minorities. "If minorities want their voices to be heard, they must vote with discretion and choose Congress," he said.

'OBCs targeted by BJP'

"Other Backward Classes leaders too are being targeted by BJP. This is evident from the incident where brooms and slippers were shown to me. In fact, it was directed at the entire AHINDA community. The entire state's OBC and minorities are watching BJP's actions, and they will receive a befitting response," he said.

"We will carry this message across the state, and in the process they will be taught a fitting lesson," he added.

Urging the electorate to vote for Congress in the by-election, he requested them to vote with a wide margin. Voting is scheduled for April 9, with the counting of votes on May 4. He appealed to the public to remember the welfare work done by former minister Dr Shamanur Shivashankarappa. "The family will continue its good work," he said, adding that MP Dr Prabha Mallikarjun continues to raise the voice of people on health, foreign affairs, education and other important issues in Parliament.

> **Who resisted the prayers of minorities? Who opposed the hijab? Who discouraged people from purchasing goods from minority shopkeepers? Who urged minorities to relocate to another country?** — Pradeep Eshwar, Chikkaballapur Congress MLA

Dynastic politics in focus as Samarth makes poll debut

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

AFTER grandsons of former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda and former Chief Minister SR Bommai biting the poll dust, now focus is on another political scion--the late Congress leader Shamanur Shivashankarappa's grandson Samarth Shamanur is seeking mandate from Davanagere South in the bypoll to the state Assembly. If Samarth loses, he will join the league of Nikhil Kumaraswamy, son of former CM and Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy and Bharat Bommai, son of former CM and Haveri BJP MP Basavaraj Bommai.

But a win in his debut, will ensure that Samarth will join the league of successful father son duo-- the JDS MLAs GT Deve Gowda, of Chamundeshwari assembly constituency and GD Harish Gowda of Hunsur seat and A Manju AKA Vale Manju of JDS of Arakalagudu seat and Mantar Gowda of Madikeri assembly constituency.

Congress' Samarth Shamanur meets people during his campaign on Saturday

Nikhil lost three polls, including the Channapatna bypoll in November, 2024, and Bharat lost the Shiggaon bypoll. The seats were vacated by HD Kumaraswamy and Basavaraj Bommai who contested Mandya and Haveris seats respectively and became MPs. A strong political background did not work out for Nikhil and Bharat.

The odds were against them as the Congress had introduced Five Guarantees and bent on wresting the seats which were held by JDS and BJP. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and DCM DK Shivakumar and their cabinet colleagues worked in unison. Unlike Nikhil and Bharat, who swam against the tide, Samarth, son of Horticulture Minister S S Mallikarjun, has the backing of the ruling dispensation. Besides, he also has the credential as being the grandson of Veerashaiva Lingayat strong man Shivashankarappa whose demise necessitated the bypolls. The tacit backing of leaders from across partylines cannot be ruled out, say sources. It was this factor and the differences within the BJP that helped Samarth's mother, Prabha Mallikarjun, win Davanagere Lok Sabha seat in her electoral debut.

The staff and workers of Shamanuru family-run rice mills and educational institutions constitute a sizable voter population. But it is to be seen if he can overcome the disenchantment of the Muslims, who constitute over 70,000 votes, as their religious heads have allegedly issued instructions to defeat the Congress which defied their demand to field a member of their community.

Suresh Kumar: I am opposed to VIP culture, politics of entitlement

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BUT Byrathi Suresh had trouble while entering the stadium as the police reportedly did not allow the men who were accompanying him inside the stadium.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot and former chief minister BS Yediyurappa, who are regulars at matches, were at the VIP stand.

Some MLAs were busy campaigning in the bypolls to Davanagere South and Bagalkot. Others, including Housing Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan, were busy canvassing in Kerala. "KSCA president Venkatesh Prasad called me and offered me the passes, but I am busy with Kerala polls. I will later move to Davanagere to campaign for the bypoll," Kunigal Congress MLA HD Ranganath said.

Some of the MLAs who had collected the tickets passed them onto their well-wishers and personal assistants, sources said.

BJP MLAs desisted from watching the match as party leaders, especially senior MLA **S Suresh Kumar**, took strong exception to the governor deciding to get VIP passes for legislators, following the demand raised by Congress MLA Vijayanand Kashappanavar.

Suresh rejected the passes, saying he is opposed to VIP culture and politics of entitlement. "It is deplorable that the legislators asked for tickets and special privileges when the government of vultures feasted on the 11 bodies of innocent people last year is still green in our memory. I am shocked and numbed by the insensitivity of my legislator-colleagues," he said.

"That this VIP culture and politics of entitlement thrives cutting across party lines in the regime headed by the self-declared Socialist Chief Minister is certainly appalling. It is for this very reason that the image, credibility and reputation of the politicians as a class have nose-dived in the eyes of the people," he charged.

"I wanted to oppose the idea of asking for tickets for legislators, but I was shocked to hear the Speaker echoing similar sentiments and hence restrained myself," he said.

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Catholic Assn tells bishops to learn Kannada or stay away

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AKHILA Karnataka Catholic Christian Kannada Sangha on Saturday staged a demonstration at Freedom Park, demanding that the Church hierarchy mandate Kannada proficiency for bishops appointed to the state. Their demands include regularisation of Kannada as the primary language for Mass and prayers in all Karnataka churches, establishment of a regional seminary ('Gurumatha'), exclusive administrative control of St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary by Karnataka-based bishops.

Kannada Catholic Association members stage a demonstration at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Saturday | KEVIN NASHON

Noted litterateur and former Rajya Sabha member Dr L Hanumanthaiah said that religious heads coming from other states must undergo at least six months of functional Kannada training before assuming office. Addressing the gathering, Hanumanthaiah emphasised that the bond between the deity and the devotee should not be hindered by a linguistic barrier. "There should be no division between the language of God and the language of the people. It is a fundamental truth in any religion that the dialogue between the creator and the seeker must happen in a language understood by both," he said.

He clarified that the movement is not about challenging global church structures but about local representation. "We are not asking for Kannadigas to be appointed as bishops in Vatican City. We are demanding that those leading the churches in Bengaluru and across Karnataka be localites. Even the Supreme Court cannot oppose this demand," he pointed out.

Recalling the contributions of Christian missionaries to the Kannada language, Hanumanthaiah cited Reverend Ferdinand Kittel, who authored the first major Kannada-English dictionary. He questioned why the current Church leadership is struggling to understand the importance of the local tongue when their predecessors pioneered education in regional languages.

EXPRESS READ

Seer seeks review of internal quota report

Belagavi: Basavanaagi Deva Swami of the Chalavadi Gurupitha, Chitradurga, strongly criticised the internal reservation report submitted by the Nagamohan Das commission, terming it "unscientific" and "unjust" to right-hand Dalit communities. Addressing a press conference in Belagavi on Saturday, he said the state government has complicated a sensitive issue, resulting in injustice to several communities, particularly those belonging to right-hand groups. He claimed that the commission report has deliberately under-represented the population of right-hand communities and demanded an immediate review. "It appears that the government itself is committing injustice," he said.

Report lists out why Aghanashini should be protected

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE state government needs to urgently act on UNESCO's directions to protect the Aghanashini Estuary for its unique ecological and economical value, and a 2025 study by the Centre for Ecological Sciences (CES), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), highlighted the importance of the region that is a 48-sq km tidal wetland in Karnataka's Uttara Kannada district, formed where the Aghanashini River meets the Arabian Sea.

Aghanashini estuary is important not just for its ecological value but also for its economic value. A unique variety of rice, Kagga, is grown here by farmers and fishermen. The CES report 'Wise Use of Aghanashini Estuary: Ramsar Wetland of International Importance', researchers suggest that a GI tag be given to Kagga, the unique salt-tolerant rice variety grown in the Ramsar site. They pointed out that estuarine rice fields, or gaznis, have an estimated 230-350 tonnes of Soil Organic Carbon (SOC) per hectare, and that too in the top one metre.

Cultivation of Kagga, a regional speciality, in the estuarine rice fields has been a major occupation in the estuarine villages for generations. The researchers note that the increasing trend of auctioning flooded gazni rice fields for fishing rights has alienated traditional fishermen from the system, paving the way for the arrival of contractors. They also noted that farmers are now losing interest in Kagga farming due to increased flooding with salt water tides and the risks involved.

The teams conducted the study for the state forest department in 2025 and submitted it recently for implementation, said Prof TV Ramachandra from CES, IISc, co-author of the report.

The report also stated that Kagal gazni, without a single mangrove tree, has almost 1130tonnes/ha SOC, comparable with some of the best mangrove areas of the equatorial region.

"The other two gaznis where we analysed the soil revealed 420tonnes/ha of SOC in Bridge gazni, and about 590tonnes/ha in Manikatta gazni. This is the first time we have been able to unravel the fact that the neglected estuarine rice fields can, if their traditional cultivation system is restored, make a tremendous contribution towards more sequestration of SOC (in addition to biomass carbon) and provide without any additional human input, food security of a rare kind in terms of the very nutritious Kagga rice, which is currently on the verge of extinction," Ramachandra said.

A forest department official said: "The report is before the State government for assessment and implementation." It has come at a time when UNESCO directed the state government to undertake stringent measures for protection and conservation of the region.

A construction worker died and two others were injured after an iron bucket accidentally fell on them while excavating a well at a construction site on MK Road, under Ullal Police Station limits in Dakshina Kannada. The deceased has been identified as Shivakumar GK

TWO ARRESTED

48 KG OF SYNTHETIC DRUGS WORTH ₹12 CR SEIZED IN HUNSUR

Raw materials brought from Mumbai for packaging; drugs found in 16 packets

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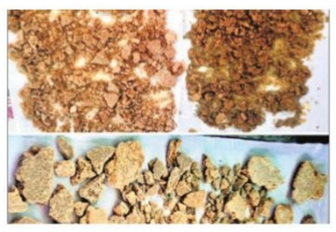
THE Mysuru district police arrested two persons and seized around 48 kg of synthetic drugs worth Rs 12 crore from a farmhouse in Hunsur taluk. The raw materials had reportedly been transported from Mumbai and stored at the site for packaging before distribution.



The synthetic drugs seized in Hunsur, Mysuru district on Saturday

The police received a tipoff that Mohammad Irfan (30) had synthetic drugs stocked in a shed at a farmland near Dasanapura village, under the Hunsur Rural police limits. They raided the site on March 27 evening and arrested Mohammad Irfan (30), a resident of Siddique Mohalla in Mysuru who ran a tea shop, and Mohammed Irfan (42), a resident of Rehmat Mohalla in Hunsur, who owned the land and allegedly provided space for the illegal activity. A case has been registered against them at the Hunsur Rural police station.

Two suspected drug peddlers from Mumbai who were present at the farmhouse during the raid managed to escape. The police seized approximately 7.35 kg of mephedrone and 41 kg of drug precursors, totalling 48 kg, from the shed.

Superintendent of Police Malikharjuna Baladandi on Saturday said the raid was the result of ongoing investigations into drug consumption cases in Hunsur. "While tracing the source and supply chain, we received information about the farmhouse where drugs were stored. Inspector Santhosh Kashayup and his team raided the farmhouse and recovered the contraband," he said. He added that 1 kg of mephedrone fetches around Rs 30 lakh in the illegal market. While the two arrested were interrogated, they revealed that the raw materials came from Mumbai. The police found 16 packets of drugs in varying quantities, like 300 gm, 350 gm and 550 gm. The materials were brought here for packaging and distribution to different locations. The accused also kept the substances for drying after chemical processing.

The accused had rented the farmhouse around February-end under the pretext of cultivating ginger, and began operations from March 22. "They had planned to transport the packaged drugs back to Mumbai on Friday night, but we intervened just in time. The case appears to be part of an organised network involving local operatives and peddlers from Mumbai," he said.

SACRED MOMENT

Devotees throng Lord Cheluvanarayanaswamy temple to offer puja during Vairamudi Utsav at Melukote in Mandya district on Saturday. The annual 13-day festival is celebrated in March-April

GSI sets up expert panel to assess tunnel project impact on Lalbagh

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FOLLOWING the controversy over the potential damage the proposed tunnel road project could cause, the Geological Survey of India (GSI) has constituted a five-member expert committee to conduct a geological and geotechnical appraisal of Lalbagh Botanical Garden in view of a road tunnel proposed to pass through the site.

Lalbagh has been recognised as a geoheritage site representing the Peninsular Gneissic Complex, making it significant from a geological perspective.

The move follows concerns over the potential impact of tunnelling works on the fragile rock formations and ecological landscape.

According to an official order issued by the GSI on Friday, the committee will be led by KV Maruthi, Deputy Director General and Regional Mission Head-IV (Southern Region). The panel includes senior geologists and directors from GSI units in Chennai, Hyderabad and Bengaluru.

The committee has been tasked with undertaking field inspections and detailed assessments of the proposed alignment and its implications for the geoheritage site. It has been directed to submit its report within three weeks to the Additional Director General and Head of Office, Southern Region.

Counterfeit cigarette racket busted, five held

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THE Bengaluru International Airport police busted a criminal enterprise of counterfeit cigarettes, faking various brands, that were imported from Cambodia. Five accused, including a father-son duo, were arrested. The police said the counterfeit contraband worth about Rs 50 lakh, imported by the accused, were seized at the parking area of Terminal 2 of Kempegowda International Airport on Saturday.

Abdul Bashid, a resident of HRBR Layout, his son Mohammed Ashiq, Mohammed Anwar Ibrahim, Mohammed Atar Ansari, and Ghulam Hussain, all residents of Chennai, were arrested. A case was registered in the early hours of Saturday after N Rajesh, a field executive of Anvesh IPR Services Company -- a cigarette supply agency of ITC, complained about a network that was defrauding people by importing fake cigarettes from abroad in the names of various companies, including ITC. "On Saturday morning, an operation was conducted based on specific information about the import of fake brand cigarettes from Cambodia and supplying them to states, including Tamil Nadu, and five accused, including Abdul, were arrested. Twenty cigarette boxes were seized," said an officer.

"The accused were in touch with a network of counterfeiters in Cambodia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Singapore, and were importing them from there at a low price, under the name of ITC company. They were then supplying them to various places including Bengaluru, Chennai and Telangana for huge profits," the officer added.

The police suspect that the accused were running the racket for several years. A case of copyright infringement has been registered against the accused.

Mysuru man held for hoax bomb threats

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A man accused of triggering panic by issuing bomb threats across the country has been arrested by the Delhi Police in Mysuru. The accused, Srinivas alias Srinivas Louis (47), from Brindavan Extension, had allegedly sent multiple bomb threat Emails to government offices, courts, and schools nationwide, often dispatching several such messages within a month.

A special team from the Delhi Police tracked down the suspect. They conducted a raid in Mysuru on Friday, with assistance from VV Puram police. The accused was apprehended and taken into custody for questioning. Police also seized several SIM cards and laptops from his residence. Police said that Srinivas, a bachelor, lived with his mother and was tech-savvy. He reportedly used Voice over Internet Protocol services instead of conventional phone calls to evade detection.

EXPRESS READ

Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health gets 450 beds

Bengaluru: Medical Education Minister Dr Sharan Prakash Patil on Saturday inaugurated 450 additional beds at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, expanding its pediatric care capacity. The Minister said the expansion strengthens the hospital's role as a key super-speciality centre, improving access to advanced and affordable treatment for children from across Karnataka and neighbouring states. Addressing the gathering, Patil said a 950-bed pediatric super-speciality hospital of this scale is rare in the country. "Quality healthcare should reach common people through government hospitals, not remain limited to corporate institutions," he said. He highlighted that the government has achieved nearly 75–80% of its target of establishing a medical college in every district, with around 22 government medical colleges currently functional.

HOSMAT Hosps launches Golden Hour Network

Bengaluru: HOSMAT Hospitals on Saturday launched the Golden Hour Network (GHN) at Traumacon 2026, a trauma-focused conference organised with the Bangalore Orthopaedic Society, bringing together over 150 orthopaedic surgeons and specialists from across the country. The network aims to connect surgeons trained within the HOSMAT system to improve coordination and response during the critical first hour after injury. Officials said it would function as a structured clinical and academic platform with regular case discussions and collaborative learning. Speakers at the conference flagged persistent gaps in trauma care, particularly delays in treatment, lack of integration between facilities and uneven training. They also stressed the need for practice-driven, case-based learning to improve real-time decision-making.

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East to West : 80 feet
North to South : 50 feet
In total 4000 square feet
Bounded on the
East by : Road.
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Our client, **SMT. NAVYA H.N. W/o Sri. K.S. Manjunatha**, Now R/at No. 1016, 25th Main, 39th Cross, 4th 'T' Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru-560041, intend to purchase the residential Apartment bearing **No.708, in 7th Floor** in the Project viz., **"SKY ASTA"** situated at Raghuvanahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk Bengaluru, Bengaluru Kanakapura Main Road and having 1038 Sq. Feet of Carpet Area and 565 Sq. feet of proportionate common areas, total Super built-up area being 1603 Sq. feet together 461.64 sq. feet undivided share in land with right to use One Covered Car Parking Space, which is more fully described in the schedule hereto from its original owner **SRI. DURGE GOWDA DEVARAJU S/o Sri. Durgegowda Kuruburahally Kenchegowda,** now R/at No. 407, 11th Cross, VET School, J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bengaluru-560078, and his family members.

Any person/s having any rights or title, interest, mortgage, lien, court orders, or claim or possession against the said property or having any objection of whatsoever nature to the proposed transaction may, **within Fifteen days (15 Days)** hereof, lodge with us his/their claim in this behalf together with the relevant documentary proof in support of such right, title, interest or claim or objection. If no such claim or objection is received within the above period, our client will presume that no person has any such claim and will proceed with the transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property being Residential Apartment bearing **No.708, in 7th Floor** in the Project viz., **"SKY ASTA"** built in Sites bearing Nos.8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, forming part of a layout formed in Sy.No.8/2 (Old Sy. No.8), situated at Raghuvanahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk Bengaluru, Bengaluru Kanakapura Main Road and having 1038 Sq. Feet of Carpet Area and 565 Sq. feet of proportionate common areas, total Super built-up area being 1603 Sq. feet together 461.64 sq. feet undivided share in land with right to use One Covered Car Parking Space in the Lower/Upper Basement level/Ground/Stilt Level and the Apartment is bounded by: East by : Apartment No.701 in Seventh-Floor of "SKY ASTA", West by: Open towards Road North by:Open towards Private Property, South by: Apartment No.707 in Seventh Floor of "SKY ASTA".

P.P. JAYAKUMARA, BA. LL.B, ADVOCATE
NO.1569, 2nd Floor, East End Main Road,
Jayanagara 9th Block, Jayanagara,
Bengaluru-560041, Mob: 9740422119.
PLACE: BENGALURU, DATE: 28/03/2026

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

My clients **Sri. Nagesh N S/o. Sri. Narayana Swamy and Smt. Chaithra J W/o. Sri. Nagesh N, R/a. No. 1, Lokesh Reddy Building, R K Township, Near 2nd Water Tank, Srirampura, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560105** had lost the following title Documents:

- Absolute Sale Deed executed by Sri. S Manohar and Others in favour of Sri. G Prasad Reddy registered as document No.JGN-1-04995-2007-08, in SRO Jigani.
- Absolute Sale Deed executed by Sri. G Prasad Reddy in favour of Smt. G Kanaka, Registered as Document No. JGN-1-02977-2012-13, in SRO Jigani.

If any person finds the aforesaid Original Deeds kindly handover the same to my address mentioned hereunder if any claim, interest and rights over the Schedule Property can file a objection before the below mentioned address or the person within **Fifteen (15) days** from the date of publication of this notice and the same has been reported to the Concerned Police Station Dated **27-03-2026** bearing No. **2128146/2026.**

SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

All that Piece and Parcel of Site No. 892, Now comes under the jigani TMC Assessment Katha No. 329/61/892 and E-aasthi PID No. 8099930879, carved out in residentially converted land bearing Sy. No. 53/2, (converted vide its order No. ALN/SR(A)717/2004-05 dated 08-04-2005 and No. ALN/SR(A)83/2005-06 dated 22-11-2005), in the layout known as R K Township, Situated at Kyalasanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet, in all measuring 1200 Sq. Ft., and bounded on:- East by: Site bearing No. 899, West by: Road, North by: Site bearing No. 891, South by: Site bearing No. 893.

Mohan Ram B R, Advocate
No. 7, 5th Main, Meenakshinagar,
Kamakshipalya, Bangalore - 560079.
Contact No. 8722671564
Bengaluru, Date : 27-03-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby informed that my client has entered into an agreement for purchase of the Immovable Property described in the Schedule hereunder from its owner **M/S. PAL INTERNATIONAL REALTORS & TRADERS (P) LTD.,** a Private Limited Company duly incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013, having its registered office at Udupi Krishna Bhavan, No.91, Jyothi Nivas College Road, 5th Block, Koramangala Industrial Layout, Bengaluru-560095, represented by its Directors, **1. MR. V.S. SRIKANTH** & **2. MRS. SHYLAJA SRIKANTH,** duly authorized vide Board Resolution passed in the meeting of Board of Directors of the company held on 23.03.2026. Any person/s having any claim/rights/interest over the Schedule Property or any objections for said sale of the property, may file their objections in writing, along with supporting documents viz. Agreements, JDA, GPA, MOU & other contract agreements, addressed to the undersigned **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this Notice, failing which, it shall be construed that there are no claims of any sort over the said property and my client shall be advised to proceed with the purchase.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT Piece & Parcel of Commercial Property bearing **E PID No.8310441521, Property bearing No.55, Property Old No.301/295/10,** Assessment No.2119/301/295/10, duly converted from agricultural to non-agricultural industrial purpose vide Conversion order bearing No.B.Dis.ALN.SR146/1979-80, dated 24.05.1980, order passed by the Thasildhar, Anekal Taluk, situated at **Bommasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk,** Bengaluru, measuring an extent of 10 Guntas **(10890 square feet),** comprises of building consisting Basement Floor, constructed area 6714 square feet, Ground Floor, constructed area 6714 square feet, First Floor, constructed area 6714 square feet and Second Floor, constructed area 6714 square feet, totally built up area 26856 square feet, now the area comes under the purview of Town Municipality, Bommasandra Ward No.3 and bounded on the:

East by : Property belonging to Saraswathi Ammal
West by : Bengaluru Hosur Road;
North by : Property being portion of Sy.No.55 belongs to Sreenivasa Reddy
South by : Property belongs to Rama Murthy.

Mr. K.B. THIPPE SWAMY, Advocate
No.22, L.S No.25, First Floor, SSB
Mattada Complex, Tank Bund Road,
Bengaluru-560 009.

IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE OF HOSUR

I.A. No. 1/2025 IN O.S.No. 100/2025
V. Kishorekumar ...Petitioner/Plaintiff
//Versus //
(1) Srinivasa Krishnappa S/o. Krishnappa, aged about 52 years, residing at D.No.30, 2nd cross street, Ayyappa garden, Adugodi, Bangalore
(2) Bharath Baburao Avalthar S/o. Baburao Avalthar, aged about 33 years, residing at Desai flat, K.E.B. road, Raibag, Belgham, Karnataka
(2) 4th and 5th Respondents /4th and 5th defendants

NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION

The Petitioner/Plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for the recovery of money and attachment of property before judgment of the suit schedule mentioned property, you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit, or who shall be accompanied by some person able to answer to all such questions, on 15.04.2026 at 10'clock a.m. to answer the claim, and as the day fixed, for your appearance is appointed for the final disposal of the suit, you must be prepared to produce on that day all the witnesses upon whose evidence and all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defence.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

/// **BY COURT ORDER** ///

Sd/-
A.KANNADASAN, B.L.,
Advocate,
E.ROLL No: 1287/1992,
13, 3rd Cross, Weavers Colony
DHARMAPURI-636 701
Cell: 9443252666

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer- KIADB Head Office, No. 14/3, 1st Floor, CFC Building, Aravindha Bhavana, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001.

CORRIGENDUM

Land measuring 11107.03 Sq. Mtr. in Saaneguruvanahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura – 2 Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk was acquired for the purpose of constructing Viaduct and Stations from K.H.B. Colony to Kamakshipalya of Metro Rail Project 3rd Phase Package – 4. It was informed that the land owners/interested persons should submit objections if any within 30 days from the date of publication in State Gazette and enquiry was fixed on 15.04.2026 at 11.30 AM. In the Notification published in this Newspaper on 29.03.2026 vide **No. KIADB/SLAO/2263/2025-26 Dated 24.03.2026** the Enquiry date was wrongly published as 18.04.2026 and it **should be read as 15.04.2026 at 11.30 AM.**

Sd/- Special Land Acquisition Officer, KIADB (Head Office)

WESTERN RAILWAY

MATERIAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
VARIOUS MATERIALS SUPPLY
E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. S/15/2026 Date 23.03.2026

S.N.	Tender No	Short Description of items	Quantity	T.O.D.
95	09262086	Electrical wiper motor	107 Nos	21-Apr-26
96	24265005	Light diesel oil (LDO)	144 Kilo Ltr	17-Apr-26
97	11255048B	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Pit less Electronics In-motion Weigh Bridge (EIMWB) along with CAMC to 06 locations as per Annexure-B1 attached below	12 Nos	16-Apr-26
98	15265005	Supply, installation and commissioning of automatic fire detection	30 Set	16-Apr-26

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website **www.ireps.gov.in and wr.indianrailways.gov.in.** 1256

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Government of India
Department of Space
ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC)
Mahendragiri P.O., Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu– 627 133, India

E-TENDER NOTICE Dated : 26-03-2026

On Behalf of the President of India, item-rate tenders are invited through **e-tendering** for the following works:

Sl. No.	Name of Works [Civil Works - Sl.no: 01, 02 & 03: Mechanical Work - Sl.no: 04]	Estimated Cost ₹ (in Lakhs)	Period of completion	EMD(₹)
1	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-190/MI/CPH-83/2025-26			
	Development works at Cryo High Pressure Installation (CHPI) at IPRC, Mahendragiri. (Civil work)	14.58	04 (Four months)	29,200
2	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-191/MI/CPH-84/2025-26			
	Development works and boulder fall protection works in UH25 and miscellaneous works in C-Top at IPRC, Mahendragiri. (Civil work)	13.76	04 (Four months)	27,600
3	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-192/MI/CPH-85/2025-26			
	Construction of storage shed near C-25 building at IPRC, Mahendragiri. (Civil work)	21.79	05 (Five months)	43,600
4	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-188/MI/M-01/2025-26			
	Mechanical works for, a) Replacement of Long travel (LT) motors along with Gear box in TCT, b) Providing radio frequency remotes for existing cranes in SIET & TCT facilities, at IPRC, Mahendragiri.	15.45	06 (Six months)	30,900

Dates for Online Request : From 28-03-2026 [1000 hours] To: 06-04-2026 [2330 hours]

Due Time & Date of Submission : 09-04-2026 [1000 hours]

For further details visit: www.isro.gov.in/tenders (or) www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.

For eligibility criteria and other details, interested tenderers may please refer to the detailed bilingual (Hindi-English) Notice Inviting Tenders (NIT) on the website https://www.isro.gov.in/Tenders.html and tender free view at https://www.tenderwizard.com/isro

Note : All future correspondence (Corrigenda) for the above work(s) shall be published only on the websites mentioned above.

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Government of Karnataka
General Hospital Shikaripura, Shivamogga District.

e-mail: amoghshikaripura@gmail.com Ph: 08187-222412
No:GHS/Development (2)/MD/03/2025-26 Date:24-03-2026

E-Tender Notice

General Hospital, Shikaripura, Shivamogga District, hereby invites e-tenders through https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ for the purchase of medicines, chemicals, and medical consumables for the year 2026-27 under the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements (KTPP) Act, 1999 and its Rules, 2000, under the dual-entry (two-cover) tender submission system. Interested tenderers are requested to participate.

Tender Notice No.: GHS/Development (2)/MD/03/2025-26

Tender Details: Regarding the purchase of medicines, chemicals, and medical consumables for the year 2026-27

Duration for submission of tender: From 30-03-2026 to 18-04-2026 up to 17.00 hrs **Estimated Tender Amount:** Rs. 1.80 Crores **EMD Details:** Rs. 2,70,000 (to be submitted through e-portal) For further details, please contact the Administrative Medical Officer, General Hospital, Shikaripura, Shivamogga District, during office hours or visit https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/.

Sd/- Administrative Medical Officer, General Hospital, Shikaripura, Shivamogga District.

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GOLD LOAN AUCTION NOTICE

The below mentioned borrowers have been issued notices to pay their outstanding amounts towards the Loan against Gold Ornaments ("Facility") availed by them from Shriram Finance Ltd (SFL). Since the borrowers have failed to repay their dues under the facility, we will be conducting an auction of the Piedged Gold Ornaments on date and address given below. In the event any surplus amount is realised from this auction, the same will be refunded to the concerned borrower and if there is a deficit post the auction, the balance amount shall be recovered from the borrower through appropriate Legal Proceedings. SFL has the authority to remove any of the following accounts from the auction without prior intimation. Further SFL reserves the right to change the Auction Date without any prior notice, in the event of force majeure.

Auction will be held at the following address: SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, SRI BANDHI COMPLEX, 3RD CROSS, B.M ROAD, KUVEMPUNAGAR, OPP. SBI BANK, CHANNAPATNA TOWN-562160:-Auction Date and Time: 07-04-2026, 10.30 AM

CHANNAPATNA BRANCH

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO	CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
ARJUN R J	TCHNPPJ2508070001	SOWMYA K J	TCHNPRE2510230001
BHARATH KUMAR K S	TCHNPPJ2510250003	THIMMARAJU B N	TCHNPPJ2509200002
CHANNEGOWDA K S	TCHNPPJ2508060006	UMESH	TCHNPPJ2509200001
CHANNEGOWDA K S	TCHNPPJ2510040004	AQIB ALI KHAN	
CHAYA	TCHNPPJ2510150006	CHANNEGOWDA K S	
JAYALAKSHMI	TCHNPPJ2510130001	HARSHITHA B	
KARTHIK B P	TCHNPPJ2508250008	PRAVEENA V S	
KARTHIK B P	TCHNPPJ2508310002	RAMYA	
MANOJ GOWDA N P	TCHNPPJ2510300001	SANJAYKUMAR M N	
MEGHANA P	TCHNPPJ2510140006	SANTHOSH RAJE URS	
RAKESH	TCHNPPJ2508300007	SHREEKANTHA T P	
RAMYA	TCHNPRE2510300005	THANUJASHREE	
RAVIKUMAR K L	TCHNPPJ2510140003	VAIRAMUDI H S	
REKHA	TCHNPPJ2509240009		

Auction will be held at the following address: SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, 2ND FLOOR NO 08, AVE MARIA COMPLEX,100 FEET ROAD, JALAHALLI CROSS T DASARAHALLI BANGALORE-560 057 :-Auction Date and Time: 07-04-2026, 10.30 AM

T.DASARAHALLI _HP BRANCH

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
CHITRA R	TTDASPJ2509220001

Auction will be held at the following address: SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, NO 57/58, 2ND FLOOR 100FEET RING ROAD 3RD MAIN ROAD NEAR KEB COLONY NEW GURUAPPANAPALYA BTM 1ST STAGE BANGALORE 560029:- Auction Date and Time: 07-04-2026, 10.30 AM

JAYANAGAR

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO	CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
MOHAMMED MUDASSIR	QJAYBPJ2508260004	MAHESH KUMAR M	
MOHAMMED MUDASSIR	QJAYBPJ2508260003	MOHAMMED MUDASSIR	
BALKIS BANU			

Auction will be held at the following address: SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, NO. 324, HIG 'A' SECTOR, 1ST PHASE, NEW TOWN YELAHANKA, BAMGALORE -560 064 :-Auction Date and Time: 07-04-2026, 10.30 AM

YELAHANKA

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
SYED WASEEM	QYELNRE2509130001

Auction will be held at the following address: SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, ANJEL COMPLEX, 1ST FLOOR, 1ST CROSS, BRAMARAMBHA EXTN, BEHIND BASAVARAJENDRAHOSPITAL, CHAMARAJA NAGAR -571313:- Auction Date and Time: 11-04-2026, 10.30 AM

CHAMRAJNAGAR

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO	CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
GURUSWAMY M	QCHMRRE2509200002	SHIVAKUMAR	QCHMRPJ2508190001
GURUSWAMY M	QCHMRPJ2509220004	RACHAMMANI	
MAHADEVASWAMY M	QCHMRPJ2508180003		

Auction will be held at the following address: SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, COORG ENTERPRISES, 1ST FLOOR, COLLEGE ROAD ,MADIKERI -571201:-Auction Date and Time: 11-04-2026, 10.30 AM

MADIKERI

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO	CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
H L SUBRAMANI	QMADIPJ2509300001	SURESH MK SURESH MK	
KAVITHA R	QMADIPJ2509040003		

Auction will be held at the following address: SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, 1ST FLOOR,1111/1115,SIRI VINOBHA ROAD,SHIVARAM PET, DEVARAJ MOHALLA, MYSORE - 570001:-Auction Date and Time: 11-04-2026, 10.30 AM

MYSURU I

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
PUNITH	QMYS1RE2510090006

Auction will be held at the following address: SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, 1ST FLOOR, ANANTH COMPLEX ABOVE AXIS BANK ARSIKERE - 573103:-Auction Date and Time: 11-04-2026, 10.30 AM

TPGTN_ARASIKERE

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
ABHISHEK N R	TARSKPJ2509180001

Auction will be held at the following address: SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, ANNAPOORNA COMPLEX, N.R PURA ROAD, BALEHONNUR – 577112 CHIKMAGALUR DIST.:-Auction Date and Time: 11-04-2026, 10.30 AM

TPGTN_BALEHONNUR

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO	CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
DILIP KUMAR	TBAHNPJ2510240001	HARISH	
DILIP KUMAR	TBAHNPJ2508140005	MANU KUMAR	
HARISH L	TBAHNPJ2509030001	PURUSHOTHAMA	
RAKSHAN R	TBAHNPJ2509180002	RAJESH PUJARY	
VIJAYA C	TBAHNPJ2509090002		

Auction will be held at the following address: SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, NO 383/226,1ST FLOOR RADHA COMPLEX, HARDIKAR CIRCLE,OPP:KSTDC HOTEL BELUR-573115.:-Auction Date and Time: 11-04-2026, 10.30 AM

TPGTN_BELUR

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
N R NAGARATHNA	

Auction will be held at the following address: SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, 2ND FLOOR CENTRAM BUIDING MAIN ROAD GONIKOPPAL KODAGU DIST 571213 :-Auction Date and Time: 11-04-2026, 10.30 AM

TPGTN_GONIKOPPAL

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
NANDAN H T	TGONKPJ2508220001

Auction will be held at the following address: SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, DOOR NO 1535/A, 1ST FLOOR JAYA INSTITUTE ROAD KOLLEGAL - 571440:-Auction Date and Time: 11-04-2026, 10.30 AM

TPGTN_Kollegal

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
THULASAMMA KUNMANAYYA	TKGALPJ2510230001

Auction will be held at the following address: SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, ABOVE CANARA BANK, MILISHITA PLAZA, MEGALAPETE, KM ROAD, MUDIGERE-577132:-Auction Date and Time: 11-04-2026, 10.30 AM

TPGTN_MUDIGERE

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
CHETHAN MY	

Auction will be held at the following address: SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, SURAYA ARCADE, 1ST FLOOR, OPP SHARADA THEATRE, BETTADAPURA ROAD, PERIYAPATNA - 571107:-Auction Date and Time: 11-04-2026, 10.30 AM

TPGTN_PERIYAPATNA

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO	
MANJU NAYAKA	TPRYPPJ2509190001	

Auction will be held at the following address: SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, 1ST FLOOR. GANDARVA BUILDING, B.M ROAD, SAKLESHPUR-573134:-Auction Date and Time: 11-04-2026, 10.30 AM

TPGTN_SAKALESHPURA

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO	CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
BHARTH	TSAKAPJ2510110002	SUHAAS K G	TSAKAPJ2510080004
RAJESH H P	TSAKAPJ2510230003	ARUNA K	

Auction will be held at the following address: SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD,#218/1 NEW MAHADESHWARA COMPLEX. FIRST FLOOR. ABOVE HDFC BANK. KAVERI KAPILA DOUBLE ROAD. TRIVENI NAGAR. T NARASIPURA TOWN MYSORE DIST.-571124:-Auction Date and Time: 11-04-2026, 10.30 AM

TPGTN_T NARASIPURA

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
AFJAL PASHA	TTNRSPJ2510150002

Auction will be held at the following address: SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, 1 ST FLOOR OPPKALPANA MEDICAL NANJUNDESHWARAPRASANNA BUILDING B M ROAD ALUR - 573213:-Auction Date and Time: 11-04-2026, 10.30 AM

ALUR BRANCH

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO	CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
LOLAKSHI	ALLUWPJ2510100001	SHOBHA S R	ALLUWRE2510160006
MOHANA KUMARA B N	ALLUWPJ2506090003	HARSHAVARDHANA A R	

Auction will be held at the following address: SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, 1ST FLOOR NAMMA KANASU BUILDING BH ROAD OPP THE PRIVATE BUS STAND SAGAR-577401:-Auction Date and Time: 18-04-2026, 10.30 AM

SAGARA

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO	CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
PARASHURAMA	QSAG3PJ2510200003	ESHWARA	

Auction will be held at the following address: SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, NO. 2 FIRST FLOOR OPP POST OFFCIE, TALUK OFFICE ROAD SHIKARIPURA, SHIKARIPURA -577427:-Auction Date and Time: 18-04-2026, 10.30 AM

SHIKARIPURA

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO	CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
ANJALI J	QSHIKPJ2509190008	SRINIVASA	QSHIKRE2510180010
ANJALI J	QSHIKPJ2508300008	VASANTHAKUMARI S	QSHIKPJ2509250005
CHANDARSHEKHARAIAH	QSHIKRE2510280009	VEERABHADRA B	QSHIKPJ2509190005
H M BASAVARAJAIAH	QSHIKRE2510170003	Reshmabanu Dadapeer Makan	
HEMARAJ	QSHIKPJ2509090003	Reshmabanu Dadapeer Makan	
RIHANA	QSHIKPJ2507080004	VARUNA	

Auction will be held at the following address: SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, KASARAVALLI COMPLEX B.H.ROAD, SHIMOGA:-Auction Date and Time: 18-04-2026, 10.30 AM

SHIMOGA

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO	CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
KRISHNANANDA N SHET	QSHM2PJ2507190002	GAGAN KM	
B Y KUMAR			

Auction will be held at the following address: SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, 1ST FLOOR, ABOVE KANDIL MOTORS A.P ROAD, THEERTHAHALLI- 577432 SHIMOGA DIST.:-Auction Date and Time: 18-04-2026, 10.30 AM

THIRTHAHALLI

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO	CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
DARSHAN T	QTHELPJ2510250003	PUSHPALATHA	QTHELPJ2509300004

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MALTHESHA N B	TANVAPJ2509060001	RENUKAMMA	
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SAMPATTU	TDANDPJ2510230001	MUNIYAPPA	TDANDPJ2507210001

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DIJENDRA KUMAR B	TTARIPJ2509080001	NASARULLA T S	

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BALARAJ	QCHBLPJ2509030002	SANDEEPA R	QCHBLPJ2507110001
GOUNUPALLI MAMATHA	QCHBLPJ2507050002	G SARITHA	
GOUNUPALLI MAMATHA	QCHBLPJ2507110004	KARTHIK M	
KANTHARAJU M	QCHBLPJ2508250003	VENKATARATHNAMMA	
RAMANJI B S	QCHBLPJ2509020001		

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TIPTUR

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO	CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
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MANOJ KUMAR T V	QTIPRPJ2506030008		

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TIPTUR BRANCH

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CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO	CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
NATARAJA N	TGOWRPJ2510100003	BABU	
VINOD KUMAR G	TGOWRRE2510150004		

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RUDRESH	TGUBBPJ2509090002	SANJAY B N	

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BELTHANGADY

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MASOODA BANU	QBELDPJ2510200001	VASUDEVA	
KUMARSWAMI			

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BHATKALA _ STFC

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ARUN MANJUNATH NAIK		MAHABLU DURGAPPA DEVADIGA	

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SULLIA

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LITHIN K C	QSULARE2510110002	SABASTIN	QSULAPJ2510240004

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CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
JAFAR SHREEF	TBANTPJ2507110002

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CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO	CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
JAYARAMA ACHARYA	QUDUPRE2510100005	SUSHAN	
RAMANAND	QUDUPPJ2508120002		

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MANGALURU IV BRANCH

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
PADAMA RAM CHOUDHARY	TMNG4PJ2510150001

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VAMANJOOR BRANCH

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
ANIL D SOUZA	VAMJRPJ2506180002

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BELGAUM

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO	CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
MALAPRABHA JADHAV	QBLG2PJ2507220003	Shashikant Krishna Swannavar	
SUNIL VIDYADHAR YARDI	QBLG2PJ2501010002	Shashikant Krishna Swannavar	
KIRAN NARAYAN LOHAR		Shashikant Krishna Swannavar	

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DHARWAD I

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO	CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
AKKAMMA MUKKAL	QDHR1RE2510110003	SATAYYA I UNAKALL	QDHR1PJ2510160008
AKKAMMA MUKKAL	QDHR1PJ2510060014	Allasab Maktumsab Konnur	
KESHAV ADIN	QDHR1RE2509300018	MOHAN KUMAR	
RAVI AGADI	QDHR1PJ2509130008	MOHAN KUMAR	

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HAVERI

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO	CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
BASAVARAJ GOLAPPA UPPIN	QHAVRPJ2507190004	Mahmadkhasima Babusab Guttal	

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HUBBALI

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO	CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
MANJUNATH BADIGER	QHUB2PJ2510310003	USHA PISE	QHUB2RE2510060009
MANJUNATH PARASHURAM ULLIKASHI	QHUB2PJ2509230003	FAKKIRAGOUDA Ishwaragouda Temb Adamani	
NANDISHWARA SIDDAYYA DODDAMANI	QHUB2PJ2509020004	MANIKANTH SIDDANGOUD NILAPPAGOUDRA	
SATISH MURGOD	QHUB2RE2510030005	Manjunath Ishwarappa Noolvi	
SAVITHA	QHUB2RE2510060010	RAMESH KOPARDE	
SHANKRAPPA B HULASOGI	QHUB2PJ2510060007		

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RANEBENNUR II

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO	CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
SHARATH SURESHAPPA NILAPP ANAVAR	QRNB2PJ2509240006	SHARATH SURESHAPPA NILAPP ANAVAR	QRNB2PJ2510060001

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MALIKJAN KITTUR	TBAILPJ2508110001

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BASAVARAJ R M	TCGRIPJ2510150002

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TPGTN_CHIKKODI _HP

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO	CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
SACHIN VITHAL NAIK	TCHKDPJ2508290003	LATHA KIRAN BAKOLI	
Saleemmahedi Tasharifalla Momin	TCHKDPJ2510240002		

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KIRAN KUMAR H	TDVNGPJ2506250002	PRAKASH B	TDVNGPJ2508210002
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CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO	CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
BHI SHANKARANAIKAA	THRPNPJ2509180005	PINJAR SHAMIVULLA	
MARESHA MYDURU	THRPNPJ2507180005	SHANKARA NAIK	

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SATHISH	THOLKPJ2506110002

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PADIYAPPA NINGAPPA SAJJIR OTTI	TNARGPJ2509300001

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TPGTN_RAIBAG

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AJIT BASTAWADE	TRABGPJ2509110004

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Telangana government tabled a bill in the Legislative Assembly on Saturday, proposing salary deductions from employees who neglect their parents. SC, ST Welfare and Senior Citizens Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar introduced The Telangana Employees Accountability and Monitoring of Parental Support Bill, 2026

Prof called student a 'terrorist' 13 times: Plaint

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RAVI Kumar stated in the complaint that he has been tasked with gathering intelligence and keeping a watch on social media posts.

While gathering intelligence in the station limits, he came across a post on social media where the professor allegedly referred to a Muslim student as a 'terrorist' at least 13 times in front of 60 students during a class. Due to the potential threat to communal harmony, a suo motu case was registered, the complaint read.

A police official said, "The professor is booked under BNS 299 (deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs) and BNS 352 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace).

A notice will be served to him and further investigations are on."

DMK balances old & new: Stalin, Udhayanidhi repeat seats

PRABHAKAR TAMILARASU
@ Chennai

Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin greets supporters at M Karunanidhi Memorial in Chennai on Saturday after the announcement of the party's list of candidates for the upcoming state Assembly elections | PTI

The ruling DMK on Saturday named its candidates for 164 constituencies for the April 23 Assembly polls, renominating Chief Minister M K Stalin and his son and deputy Udhayanidhi from their existing city seats and setting up a direct fight with archrival AIADMK in a number of constituencies.

Winding up days of seat-sharing talks with allies, including Congress and Left, the DMK identified the constituencies for them. Minutes later, at a press conference at DMK headquarters Anna Arivalayam, Stalin released the names of 164 candidates of his party. Stalin denied any "delay" in seat-sharing parleys, saying the "patient discussions" have ensured eveybody is satisfied. Also, he was making efforts to ensure unity in the bloc. AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami has been mocking the DMK, claiming it suffered from delay in seat-sharing talks, claiming that his party has taken the lead and got on to the campaign mode by finalising everything.

Besides DMK's 164 seats, 11 alliance party candidates, including those from Vaiko-led MDMK, will contest on the ruling party's Rising Sun symbol, effectively making it 175 constituencies for the party. Election to 234 Assembly seats in the state will be held on April 23. On Saturday, Stalin retained all but three of his 33 cabinet colleagues and some senior MLAs. He fielded over 60 persons for their maiden electoral battle, even as the candidates' composition included doctors, engineers and Phd holders. Besides, 18 women are in fray on behalf of the ruling party.

Stalin, the ruling DMK president, said he would contest once again from Kolathur. Udhayanidhi is seeking re-election from Chepauk-Triplicane, also in the city.

Ministers Durai Murugan (DMK general secretary), K N Nehru, Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi, Thangam Thennarasu, Ma Subramanian, and EV Velu have been retained.

Interestingly, expelled AIADMK leader O Panneerselvam, who recently joined DMK, has been fielded from Bodinayakkanur, the seat he represented in the outgoing Assembly. He had resigned as MLA after joining DMK.

Another interesting move is shifting former Electricity minister V Senthil Balaji from his stronghold Karur to Coimbatore South. The move is seen as a strategic shift by the DMK to strengthen itself in Coimbatore and surrounding regions that are generally a bastion of the AIADMK. After the DMK's announcement, allies DMDK, MDMK, Manithaneya Makkal Katchi (MMK) and Kongunadu Makkal Desiya Katchi (KMDK) followed suit by releasing their candidates' list later on Saturday.

'WEAK CAPEX, ASSET CREATION'

Kerala ranks 15th on NITI Aayog Fiscal Health Index

RAJESH RAVI @ Kochi

Kerala finds itself among the more fiscally stressed states in the country, according to the latest Fiscal Health Index (FHI) for 2023-24 released by the NITI Aayog. Ranked 15th among 18 major states, Kerala falls in the "aspirational" category, placing it alongside states grappling with persistent financial pressures.

The FHI of 18 major states and 10 Northeastern states was calculated using data from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. It evaluates states across five key sub-indices: quality of expenditure, revenue mobilisation, fiscal prudence, debt index, debt sustainability. It notes that higher-ranked states tend to demonstrate stronger fiscal discipline and better resource mobilisation, while lower-ranked are marked by higher non-developmental spending and less sustainable fiscal patterns.

Lekha Chakraborty, professor at the New Delhi-based National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, said Kerala's position on the index highlights a structural paradox at the core of its development model. "The state's score has shown no meaningful improvement from 25.3 in 2022-23 and has declined from an average of 30.8 in the 2014-17 period," she pointed out. "This stagnation is not cyclical but reflects deep-seated rigidities in expenditure composition and fiscal space. The report's state profile explicitly frames this as 'the challenge of balancing strong social and developmental commitments with limited fiscal flexibility,'" she said. According to the report, the most striking concern is how Kerala spends its money. A large share of its budget goes towards salaries, pensions, and interest payments.

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> Lekha Chakraborty, Professsor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy

It points out that Kerala's capital spending is among the lowest in the country, indicating that the state is not creating enough assets to drive future growth. The report also flags relatively high debt levels, with a growing share of revenue being used to service interest payments.

She added that high human development outcomes were built on sustained social-sector spending, which has now hardened into inflexible fiscal commitments. "If you quantify that, Kerala loses, as its articulation of why it is at the 'bottom' needs to be heard with a sensibility beyond rigid fiscal rules," she said.

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ARUN BASAVARAJ ANGADI	TRMDRPJ2508070005	MAHADEVI BHIMAPPA BARKI	
Channappa Fakirappa Jamakhandi	TRMDRRE2509300006	Maruti Parshuram Tummarmatti	
Najirahmad Maktumsab Benn	TRMDRPJ2507250003	SHILPA SHIDLEPPA MADAR	
RANGAPPA BASAPPA KUDARI	TRMDRPJ2509050001	VEERAPPA HALAGI	
SHIVAPPA MANCHAL	TRMDRPJ2508220001	VEERAPPA HALAGI	
VINAYAK GOUDAPPA PATIL	TRMDRPJ2508090001	VITTAL AJJAPPA GOURIGUDI	
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TPGTN_Shiggaon

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Jeevan Jagadeesha Kadappanavar		Nagaraj Devendrappa Kammar	

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BAGALKOTE

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JUMMANNA KILABANUR			

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BALLARI

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HASAN SAB	QBLL2RE2510280012	KURUBA HONNURSWAMY

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HANAGAL BRANCH

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HUBBALI BRANCH

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NAVEEN SHANMUKH DHALABHANJANA	

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GANGAVATHI

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO	CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
HANUMESH	QGNVTPJ2509120003	RAGHAVENDRA RAO	QGNVTPJ2510160001

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S SHIVAJI	QKOP2PJ2507310003		

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RACHAYYA		SHARANABASAPPA	

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TPGTN_Devadurga

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SANJEEV KUMAR	TDEODPJ2510170009	SUNIL	TDEODRE2509170009

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TPGTN_JEWARGI

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TPGTN_KUSHTAGI

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO	CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN NO
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Andhra Pradesh Assembly adopts resolution on capital Amaravati

Vijayawada: The Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly on Saturday unanimously passed a landmark resolution seeking statutory recognition for Amaravati as the capital of AP. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu moved the resolution during the sixth session of the Assembly, urging the Union Government to amend the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 to remove ambiguity surrounding the State capital. The resolution was passed after an extensive debate for nearly five and a half hours. The Chief Minister, the Deputy Chief Minister, Ministers and several legislators participated in the discussion, reflecting the broad political consensus on the capital issue. The resolution requests the Government of India to amend Section 5 of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 by including the words "at Amaravati" in sub-section (2), explicitly designating Amaravati as the capital of AP. Further, it proposes adding a clarification in the explanation to Section 5 stating that "Amaravati includes the capital city areas notified under the Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority Act, 2014," thereby extending the capital's legal scope to the entire CRDA-notified region. After the passage of resolution, it was sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs. Copies of the resolution were also sent to the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha and the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, seeking consideration of the proposed amendment during the ongoing Parliament session. Naidu said, "Amaravati will remain as the sole and permanent capital of Andhra Pradesh and no one can touch or shift it even by an inch. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi had assured that the Centre would take responsibility for the construction of Amaravati, reinforcing its commitment to the capital project."

Karnataka Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara unveils the logo of the International Women's Tennis Championship in Tumakuru on Saturday. City MLA GB Jyothi Ganesh, Deputy Commissioner Shubha Kalyan, ZP CEO BV Ashvija, Superintendent of Police Ashok KV, Amar of Karnataka Lawn Tennis Association are on the dais

Tumakuru to host International Women's Open Tennis C'ship

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TUMAKURU is all set to host the International Tumakuru Women's Open Tennis Championship from May 3 to 10 under the aegis of the district administration, the Karnataka Lawn Tennis Association and the Tumakuru Tennis Association, with over 100 players from around the world expected to take part. The names of the participating players will be announced soon.

District in-charge and Home Minister G Parameshwara told reporters on Saturday that this will be the first time a world-class sports event is being held in Tumakuru after international-standard tennis stadiums were built in cooperation with Tumkur University. He said the event will provide sports enthusiasts valuable exposure.

He added that the International Tennis Federation approved the hosting of the international ranking women's tournament in Tumakuru. "This tournament will place Tumakuru on the world tennis map. The winner will earn 35 ranking points and receive USD 30,000 in prize money," he said, adding that the championship will be held every May as the federation has assured its continued support.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who recently attended a state-level sports meet, had promised a grant of ₹6 crore for sports infrastructure, of which ₹3 crore has been allocated in the budget.

"I burst into tears every morning for Gaza. I am 80 years old and I have never witnessed genocide every single day

Roger Waters

TRUMP'S WAR EXPOSES INDIA'S MISSED AND MESSED OPTIONS

THE THIRD EYE

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INDIA'S governments have for long convinced its people that things get worse before they get better, that crisis is a feel-good factor as it propels action over rumination. Today the country faces its worst energy shock in history. Yet Indians have watched films of this genre before—in the 1970s, 1990s, and even in the new millennium. Every crisis triggers a performative ritual. Leaders gather, committees convene and bureaucrats magically produce an inventory of solutions. But what begins as an energy crisis rarely ends as one—via inflation it morphs into a slow economic suffocation that governments explain away until they cannot.

The truth is India did not stumble into this energy crisis. It walked into one—casually, unhurriedly, pausing occasionally to peruse reports, between commissions and groups of ministers. Trump's war has simply unravelled the India stack of missed options and widened the span of its paradoxes. The cost the economy is bound to bear is the price of deliberate inattention. As Indians again witness long queues and retried rhetoric, here are some observations and suggestions.

Import dependence: India has persistently depended on imports to fuel its economy—the 1973 oil shock nearly quadrupled its oil bill. The 1979 shock resulted in India seeking an IMF bailout and even the discovery of Bombay High (remember Sagar Samrat?) didn't change that. In 2014, the country imported over 70 percent of its crude oil and petroleum products. BJP's 2014 manifesto promised to ramp up energy exploration "to reduce the import bill". In 2026, the country's oil import dependence hovers over 88.5 percent. Yes, consumption has gone up, but what matters is domestic production has gone down—from 36.9 million metric tonnes in 2015 to 28.7 MMT in 2025. It would be worth examining why domestic output trains, why the Andaman project—dubbed India's 'Guyana field'—is crawling towards production and why the states aren't doing more.

Millions of barrels to gigawatts: India can and should enhance resilience by replacing dependence on imported oil barrels with domestically-generated gigawatts. In 2005, an expert committee led by Kirit Parikh authored a seminal report that included an integrated energy policy for fuelling India's 8-10 percent GDP growth aspiration. Today, the nation trails on many of the recommendations. As against the target of 63 GW of nuclear power, the installed capacity is at 8.8 GW today, having added around 5 GW in 20 years; the 2030 target of 30 GW is ambitious. The Jaitapur project in Maharashtra has languished for 15 years. In hydro power, the installed capacity is 51.2 GW against the recommended 150 GW. Expansion in both nuclear and hydro is haunted by poor regulatory reforms, clearance clogs and the political not-in-my-backyard syndrome.

Looking beyond LPG: The most visible illustration of the energy crisis is the re-emergence of queues for cooking gas and its attendant scams. There is much lather about how expansion of piped natural gas—now covering only 1.8 crore households as against 33.3 crore LPG connections—could have helped mitigate the crisis. In truth, PNG also isn't immune to the Hormuz crisis. Where India has messed up is in not designing options. There are options of using bagasse plants for cooking gas—particularly in two- and three-crop states where the residue is burnt—which could be managed regionally. There is also the solar option. Indian Oil introduced Surya Nutan, an indoor solar cooker, which could be integrated with the PM Surya Ghar rooftop programme and offered under the Ujjwala scheme. Shifting users from LPG to solar will alleviate the burden for both users and governments.

Whither solar farms: India has the unique advantage of 300 days of sunlight a year. In 2020, the RBI introduced loans to farmers, self-help groups or producer organisations who sought to set up solar plants. The idea has layered benefits. The average farm holding is below 2 hectares. Solar farms can lift yield and incomes—raise returns on land, improve asset values, and enable technology-based forward linkages. Despite the obvious benefits, the scheme has sputtered to an installed capacity of 839 MW against the target of 10,000 MW. What is stopping states from evangelising the scheme to farmers? PM Kusum covers barely 21.77 lakh farmers, whereas over 9.35 crore are covered by PM Kisan. Why not blend Kisan and Kusum for results?

Fuelling $10-trillion GDP: Managing scale calls for lateral thinking. India has an installed capacity of 524 GW—more than China's 519 GW in 2005, when it was the No 4 economy. Scale matters in resilience. In 2025 alone, China added 543 GW of power—more than India's total generation capacity. It has ramped up its total capacity seven times since 2005 to over 3,900 GW. In 2026, its renewable capacity exceeded that through fossil fuels. This is possible as China interprets energy security as national security. Its strategic petro reserve can hold 1.5 billion barrels. India has 11,098 km of coastline—it can pilot and stack tidal, wave and ocean thermal energies. As it ramps up on renewables, it must also enable battery storage, driving it through the states. India also has over 1.46 lakh km of national highways, whose divider spaces could be used to tap solar for e-charging.

The 2026 energy crisis comes at a confluence of disruptions. And in the current geopolitical climate, India can scarcely afford the business-as-usual model of economics.

AT CROSSROADS OF GLOBAL TRUST

POWER & POLITICS

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DIPLOMACY is not a game for amateurs, but for hardened professionals who master the art of converting failure into success. The recent episode in which Pakistan outmanoeuvred India in the global battle of perceptions makes this truth painfully, even humiliatingly, clear. Well-spoken and well-turned-out diplomats turned semi-politicians like S Jaishankar may have delivered intellectually superior speeches that win applause in think-tank halls, yet they have failed to secure for India its due status in the global order.

Jaishankar may dazzle seminar rooms with erudite eloquence, but on the world stage he is not taken seriously precisely because he lacks the domestic political mandate that only an elected leader can command. While Prime Minister Narendra Modi has personally engaged with over a dozen world leaders in a frantic push for de-escalation, Islamabad, long dismissed in New Delhi as a "failed state" harbouring terrorists, has stolen the global spotlight.

The opposition has seized the moment, launching a blistering assault on the government's foreign policy, accusing career diplomats of playing safe, visibly aligned with the West, and forever angling for a better posting and squandering India's hard-won stature as the voice of the Global South. The charge is stark: insulated from domestic political realities and wedded to a rigid, pro-West tilt, these career diplomats have left India sidelined, while Pakistan's Field Marshall Asim Munir brokers talks from Islamabad.

An unintended depoliticisation of foreign policy under a career diplomat-turned-minister has led to major erosion in India's decision-making role in international affairs. Never before has an Indian Foreign Service officer been inducted straight into the Union Cabinet as external affairs minister without previous experience in domestic politics. Jaishankar, the first such IFS officer, is also the longest-serving external affairs minister after Jawaharlal Nehru. Given full freedom to manage diplomacy since 2019, he has largely chosen his trusted IFS cadre to navigate the most complex international conflicts. He remains India's most-travelled external affairs minister. He has undertaken 150 international trips across 87 countries.

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In addition, his being envoy to both the US and China could not compensate for the deficiency in connecting domestic preferences with diplomacy. Unlike the long line of political heavyweights who shaped foreign policy with electoral mandates and domestic instinct like Swaran Singh, P V Narasimha Rao, Pranab Mukherjee, Jaswant Singh, Yashwant Sinha and Sushma Swaraj, unfortunately, Jaishankar operates without that political grounding. Historically, external affairs ministers brought coalition realism, party networks and public accountability to the table. On the contrary, Jaishankar's bureaucratic precision, while articulate, has created an insulated echo chamber disconnected from raw power dynamics.

Despite Prime Minister Modi's direct calls with Trump, Masoud Pezeshkian, Benjamin Netanyahu and the Gulf leaders, and India's BRICS presidency, Tehran chose not to entrust New Delhi with mediation, citing India's overt tilt towards Israel and the US. What explains this stunning reversal? Diplomats failed to convert Modi's powerful outreach into a diplomatic dividend. And hardcore BJP members dealing with foreign affairs see Jaishankar as emblematic of the problem. He is brilliant on protocol and multilateral forums, yet politically emasculated, lacking the electoral legitimacy and raw political instinct required to fuel Prime Minister Modi's signature 'huglomacy' style of diplomacy.

Jaishankar marathon travels to dozens of countries may have earned air-miles, but have failed to forge the close, personal relationships with global leaders that Modiplomacy demands. He has handpicked Indian ambassadors and high commissioners to key nations who mirror his own cautious, protocol-driven style rather than the aggressive, outcome-oriented approach displayed by Pakistani diplomats.

Despite India holding the BRICS presidency at present, other member nations are clearly not in line with its restrained approach. Iran has pressed for stronger condemnation; China and Russia have taken overtly pro-Tehran positions; and Gulf members are hedging. Jaishankar's diplomats openly feel that he and his carefully-chosen vague stance have pushed India deep into the pro-America camp. This tilt has eroded the very reputation as a neutral and powerful nation that Modi had painstakingly built over a decade. Jaishankar always accompanies the Prime Minister on foreign trips. Along with the privileged cadre surrounding him, Jaishankar has effectively insulated the Prime Minister from reaching out directly to other stakeholders like opposition leaders, business voices, military strategists and regional influencers who could have injected the domestic political realism Modi's global connectivity requires.

As a fatal consequence, it has alienated traditional partners in the Global South and even within BRICS, leaving India isolated precisely when its leadership was most needed. Pakistan's mediation coup has 're-hyphenated' India with its neighbour in global perceptions, something New Delhi has fought for years to avoid.

The hour of reckoning has arrived. Pakistan's improbable rise as mediator in a conflict touching India's closest partners is not a fleeting embarrassment. It's the brutal verdict on a decade of depoliticised diplomacy that has hollowed out India's global leverage. What was meant to be Modi's crowning achievement positioning India as vishwaguru, a civilisational bridge-builder for a fractured world, now risks becoming a cautionary tale of untapped potential.

The time for introspection is over; the time for surgery has arrived. Modi, who still commands the trust of the Indian voter and his party, must now reconstruct the foreign policy establishment with the same ruthlessness he once applied to domestic politics. The system needs an infusion of strategic thinkers who combine diplomatic expertise with deep roots in domestic politics, economic realism and hard-nosed geopolitics. Political interlocutors with business acumen, battle-tested military strategists, and public intellectuals unafraid of challenging conventional wisdom should be moved to key capitals and policymaking posts. India's diplomats must be judged not by the elegance of their cables or the polish of their panel appearances, but by hard metrics: narrative wins, investment flows and strategic leverage secured in crisis.

Jaishankar's 150-country marathon and dozen-plus US visits must be audited line by line not for mileage, but for the friendships, concessions and access they failed to deliver. The choice before India is existential. Either she reclaims foreign policy as the sharp instrument of national will and domestic realism, or watches from the sidelines as lesser powers rewrite the rules of the 21st century. Vishwaguru cannot be proclaimed; it must be earned through a diplomacy that is politically rooted, strategically audacious and ruthlessly results-driven. India's destiny as a true pole in the multipolar order hangs in the balance.

CUE IN TECH SOLUTIONS TO BREAK QUEUES

REVERSE SWING

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I happened to be in Chicago in April 2010 when Apple launched the iPad. As a journalist, I talked to people standing in a serpentine queue to buy the tablet and wrote about it. In hindsight, had I bought one myself, I could have earned some bragging rights by flaunting what quickly became a coveted product.

Memories of that queue and others came flooding in last week as I witnessed two contrasting lines. One was a row of empty LPG cylinders in a Noida area filled with shanties. The other was at a plush South Delhi shopping hub where well-heeled people crowded outside an eatery where the biggest draw apparently was the Karnataka delicacy of benne dosa. The dosa crowd was inside a cordon, waiting to be waved in, while across the street there was another lot waiting to be allowed into the cordon.

I won't know whether the dosa was really that much in demand or the situation was staged as a marketing gimmick. But I do know of an entrepreneur who once prominently tagged his fashion show as invitation-only just to make the glitterati assume it's a not-to-be-missed event. Affluent folks queue up, too—sometimes more to be seen than to see.

But queues, for the most part, are a business of demand, supply, logistics and convenience. One has to deconstruct the phenomenon to get a hang of what can be done about them where supplies cannot be easily increased or a premium charged.

A business class air-ticket often involves a premium that enables one to jump queues while boarding or deboarding, but often that does not apply to the security check, where, like voter queues in elections, the well-to-do have to stand in line with the hoi polloi. A friend once joked how South Mumbai's rich residents do not vote because there is no valet parking at the booths.

However, it is becoming clearer that where premiums cannot be charged—and logistics management and convenience are the main issues—queues are better managed with technology.

Take our deities. Some temples have introduced paid darshan despite all being equal in front of god. Those in favour argue that it helps subsidise charitable activities. The Tirupati temple has pioneered a system of affordable bar-coded wristbands or Sudarshan tokens that spare pilgrims the agony of long waiting times.

There is inevitably a black-market for booking queue slots, too. To avoid the gaming of such slots, the Vaishno Devi temple near Jammu uses radio frequency identification tags called Yatra Access Cards or online slips called Yatra Parchi bought through a mobile app. Pilgrims need to get these at the base in Katra and complete their pilgrimage within 24 hours while computer networks and CCTVs track the devout on their uphill journey.

Technology provides several options to manage crowds better where charging a premium isn't an option. There are apps to manage queues at various kinds of events and venues

Sporting venues, which are often accorded a quasi-religious status in cricket-crazy India, are increasingly comfortable with high-tech solutions. Internet-enabled sensors help track footfalls, AI cameras help identify crowd bottlenecks, while digital ticketing and biometric recognition help quicken throughput at entry lines. Apps for ordering food and drinks from seats help fans stay put without having to another queue inside the stadium.

Rock show organisers use virtual queues to avoid hustles and potential stampedes. Users are assigned QR codes to enter a 'digital queue' with text message notifications to join a physical queue when the turn arrives.

Even if you cannot afford business-class air tickets, the Digi Yatra app can help. It enables contactless, paperless and somewhat seamless airport travel in India by using facial recognition, though I can tell you from experience that it does not work evenly at all times in all places. Sometimes the system's glitches require human intervention.

Several apps are now available to manage queues and crowds depending on the size, scope, price and industry. With names like Qmatic, Wavetec, QueueHub, Waitwhile, Qnomy, these apps offer to help various kinds of enterprises—from temples and retail stores to hospitals and factory complexes. Software is tailored to ease complex journeys, user safety, regulatory requirements and multi-location needs.

We need better, government-managed apps to reduce traffic jams, which are essentially vehicle queues. While on this track, I find the Delhi Metro enabling faster, cheaper and more convenient commutes for me than, say, a chauffeured car. Time-plexing of local travel is quite possible—if only government agencies would think with the sense of detail and drive that some big corporations do. *(Views are personal)*

QUOTE CORNER

This is the consolidation of the multi-pronged US attempt to 'reclaim' Colombia... First, after the Venezuela attack, Trump's threats of military intervention. Then the use of US's Ecuadorian proxy to destabilise Colombia's economy and fabricate a border crisis. Now, lawfare against the president to create a false narrative.

Guillaume Long, former foreign minister of Ecuador, after the US launched a narcotics investigation on Colombian President Gustavo Petro

Many within the judiciary suffer from this more-loyal-than-the-king syndrome. As a result, people continue to languish in jails for months.

Justice Ujjal Bhuyan of the Supreme Court at an SCBA conclave

Remember Abbas Kiarostami, the director? Even his home was not spared from the bombs. Was it part of the alleged "imminent threat" to the US?

Esmaeil Baqaei, spokesperson for Iran's foreign ministry

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NTR legacy

Ref: *Watershed or more of the same?* (Mar 28). The electoral debut of Vijay's TVK has undoubtedly disturbed established players like DMK and AIADMK. However, large rally turnouts do not necessarily translate into votes. The party presently lacks a strong grassroots structure and credible candidates across constituencies, making a solo contest a risky gamble. Even if TVK manages to win a few seats, sustaining unity and political momentum will be challenging. History suggests that, except for N T Rama Rao, film stars have rarely been able to capture power independently.

N Sadhasiva Reddy, Bengaluru

Railway booking

Ref: *Railways must ensure equity* (Mar 28). It seems the railway ministry forgets it's a service for the people and doesn't run on a profit motive. It frequently brings changes in reservation and cancellation rules with costlier revisions. Sometime back, the aviation minister informed that the government was working on bringing flight and railway tickets closer, to claps from other MPs. But people failed to understand that considering dynamic fares and other charges, it's the latter that would increase. A major chunk of railway revenue now comes from ticket cancellation. They should at least provide hassle-free rescheduling options.

S R Dhravid, email

Elders' concession

Insurance is a cover against passenger risks and not meant to protect administrative lacunae. All passengers should be covered irrespective of ticket booking modes. Railways need to develop passenger-centric attitudes. For example, the senior citizen fare concessions withdrawn six years ago during Covid restrictions are yet to be reinstated.

Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru

Surreal multiverse

Ref: *The war of mages* (Mar 28). Real war gives one result—someone wins, someone loses. But in the surreal multiverse created by the war of images, both sides can win. One shows "peace talks" images as proof; the other says those talks never happened—maybe the enemy just negotiated with itself. Meanwhile, the countries not even in the war deal with the only real crisis: gas shortage.

S Sundareswara Pandiyan, Kovur

IPL privileges

Ref: *IPL bonanza for MLAs* (Mar 28). Our 'people's servants' seemingly want a separate enclosure for watching IPL's inaugural match, as they cannot deign to sit with the general public. Earlier, they had said they could not stand in long queues to buy tickets. Karnataka's deputy chief minister and Assembly speaker have decided to bat for our lawmakers, who are elected by the very same public. It's a shame that people who can easily afford to buy tickets are insisting on free passes. At least the BJP MLAs should have refused. But irrespective of ideologies, free passes seem to unite them all.

A B Sai Prasad, email

Model coders

Ref: *Poll official protests screening of govt ad with CM, attacked* (Mar 28). It's shocking to learn that a poll staffer who objected to the screening of a government ad featuring CM Mamata Banerjee was allegedly attacked during a training programme in Bengal. The official was right in asking why such content was shown during an election-related programme as it violated the model code of conduct. The workload of poll officials is immense. The EC must realise this and ensure their safety.

S Sankaranarayanan, Chennai

False narratives

Ref: *India among five nations cleared* (Mar 26). Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi has clearly stated that his country's armed forces are giving safe passage to five friendly countries that includes India to cross the Hormuz strait. This should put at rest the false narratives of detractors who spread lies that our foreign ministry has failed to win over Iran in the current scenario.

Vaithianathan Subramanian, Madurai

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40% decline in medical tourism due to Iran war

With 75% fall reported in patients coming from West Asia, country's booming major healthcare chains shift attention to new markets

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

INDIA'S booming medical tourism sector has been hit hard by the war in West Asia. Industry reports indicate that there is a decline between 30 and 40% in international patient visits and a similar fall in medical tourism-linked revenue across major medical hubs, such as the National Capital Region, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Telangana.

Industry insiders say that in the last two weeks, the decline is growing rapidly with overseas patient inflow dropping by 50-75%. Some healthcare chains have reported a 75 % fall patients coming from West Asia.

"This means a 15-20 % decline in monthly revenue across the sector, with some facilities reporting around 35% dip. The medical tourism-linked revenue has declined by 30-40% in certain Delhi hospitals," said Dr Abhay Sinha, director general of the Services Export Promotion Council, a body set up by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to facilitate global business opportunities for India's services sector.

Concerned about the long-term impact of the ongoing war, many hospital chains are now seeking new markets. Industry insiders said hospitals are shifting their focus from West Asia, which accounts for 18-30% of international patient market, to regions such as South and Southeast Asia (Indonesia, Sri Lanka), Africa (Nigeria, Kenya, and Mauritius), and Central Asia.

Regular consultation visits also affected

The conflict has also put a stop to the visits of those who came for regular consultations. Dr Dharminder Nagar, managing director of Paras Health and co-chair of FICCI Healthcare Committee, said, "Patients who earlier travelled every 3–6 months for specialities like cardiology, oncology, transplants, and orthopaedics are currently unable to visit due to flight disruptions, visa delays, and travel uncertainty."

Experts believe that West Asian patients have been most affected by flight cancellations and even when some sectors have opened up for air travel, airfare have risen by 15-25%, affecting the industry in India. Moreover, the impact has been felt in the elective-procedures segments, such as plastic surgery, geriatrics, orthopaedics, and fertility. "Initial impact was minimal due to pre-booked patients, but new registrations have dropped sharply," Sinha said.

However, south Indian centres have seen milder effect due to alternative air routes being available, Sinha added.

While Sinha has pointed to a larger trend, Fortis Healthcare has more drastic data to share. According to Anil Vinayak, its group chief operating officer, international patient inflow in its hospitals has completely halted. "If we compare the last 10 days of February with the first 10 days of March, the inflow of patients from the Middle East has dropped by 75%," he said.

Vinayak is apprehensive about the situation improving soon. "The situation remains highly uncertain, and the next few weeks will be critical in determining whether conditions stabilise and international travel begins to normalise across the affected regions," he said.

PNG EXPANSION

GOVT CALLS FOR MISSION-MODE IMPLEMENTATION

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

AMID the nationwide crisis of LPG shortage in view of the West Asia war, the ministries, state governments, and state-owned oil and gas supply entities have started deliberations to accelerate piped natural gas (PNG) network expansion across urban India and ensure uninterrupted delivery of essential services.

At a roundtable held on Saturday in New Delhi, stakeholders discussed ways to achieve an ambitious target of providing 50 lakh new PNG connections. Besides three Central ministers, senior government officials, representatives of states administrations, including municipal commissioners, and top executives of the Gas Authority of India and Indian Oil attended the meeting.

Single-window approval

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Addressing the gathering, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri encouraged states and urban local bodies to actively promote PNG adoption, particularly in areas where infrastructure is already available.

Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Pralhad Joshi also advised states to strengthen monitoring and vigilance mechanisms and to encourage consumers to transition from LPG to PNG wherever feasible, with priority given to public institutions such as schools and colleges.

Officials discussed how to clear the roadblocks in expanding the PNG network, like fast-tracking of road-cutting permissions and adoption of deemed approval mechanisms to expedite project implementation. However, concerns were raised regarding high right-of-way (RoW) charges and procedural delays. Participants felt the need for rationalisation or temporary waiver of such charges and adoption of single-window and time-bound clearance systems. Ministers from several states joined the session virtually.

BANKSY

BEHIND THE PEELING PAINT

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MANDAR PARDIKAR

ART, many a time, is about finding the light in a disorienting fog. In a fast-paced world where no one has time to stop and smell the flowers, there was someone who made many stop and literally look at the writing on the wall. The artist, popularly known as Banksy, uses stencil art, a method that protects the notoriously private artist's image and identity from being revealed by the very public positioning of his works. This anonymity added another shroud of intrigue to his art. And yet, a recent Reuters report has seemingly uncovered the elusive artist's identity. They say Banksy is actually... Bristol native Robin Cunningham.

Over the years, many artists have been speculated to be the real Banksy: Massive Attack band frontman Robert Del Naja, the French street artist Thierry Guetta, and even 90s kids' favourite Art Attack's Neil Buchanan. But before he was Banksy, the artist used the pseudonym Robin Banks, which lends credence to the latest development. Nevertheless, Banksy's messages have been expressed through lampoons, using the environment surrounding his piece. On a Spartan grey wall at London's Waterloo Bridge, a black mural of a girl with windswept hair emerged, whose red heart-shaped balloon has been swept away by the wind. The 'Girl with Balloon' became a mascot of his work and was a representation of hope during conflicts such as the Syrian War. This work, which had numerous versions, was also auctioned at Sotheby's. Immediately after the sale, the piece was shredded in half, once again highlighting the artist's anti-establishment stance.

From London and New York to the War Zones of Ukraine, the artist has emerged to provide his commentary on the world. In 2025, he unveiled three works: a lighthouse in Marseille, France, which cast a shadow on a metal post, with a self-reflective message, two children lying down and pointing to the sky, in London, and a judge beating a protestor with a gavel, painted outside the Royal Courts of Justice, London. While the canvas and messaging sparked some chatter, the subsequent removal of his work, which was always par for the course, flamed wider conversations.

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Banksy's art wasn't limited to spray cans and paintbrushes. The artist is also an Oscar nominee for his 2011 documentary Exit Through the Gift Shop, which chronicles Guetta's journey through Los Angeles, covering the work of several street artists. A parody theme park named Dismaland opened in August 2015, in a true Banksy manner, consisting of absurdist pieces that subverted everyday objects. But the biggest surprise is the opening of The Walled Off Hotel in Bethlehem. A place that is revered by the largest religion in the world, and a place that is currently adjacent to a war zone. Dubbed the hotel with the worst view in the world, it reopened in 2025 after a two-year closure.

Throughout his career, the monetary value of the artist's works has hinged on his identity. While some argue that the secrecy of his work is what gives it value, the human impulse to peek behind the magician's curtain has also prevailed, sparking multiple investigations. One can always speculate on the core objective of his life's work. However, the fact remains that the man, who once remarked that even after painting hundreds of parliamentarians as chimpanzees, he was called a guerrilla artist, is the artist who tries to express freedom by depicting a silverback gorilla releasing various animals from the London Zoo. Was Banksy the animal being let out of the cage to discover freedom, or the critically endangered silverback gorilla, who wanted the rest of the Zoo to breathe the same free air it was breathing? Robin Cunningham may know, but do we need to know? Is it still magic if we know how it is done? Basically... Do we really want to believe Banksy has been unmasked, or do we wait for the next mural to appear in a random place, give a slight smile and nod our heads in admiration, and move on?

Women's reservation bill standoff: Rift between govt and Opp deepens

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE long-pending issue of women's reservation in legislatures continues to hang fire, with the Centre remaining non-committal on the Opposition's demand for convening an all-party meeting on the issue.

While the opposition and the government had exchanged a series of letters in the matter, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said the government wants to implement women's reservation for the 2029 elections, while Congress wants to hold talks on the delimitation commission only in May.

Speaking at a media event, the home minister said the government is trying to hold discussions with the opposition to set up a delimitation commission almost every day, and some opposition parties and NDA partners have agreed to discuss it.

The stalemate comes even as the government recently proposed an early delimitation exercise to fast-track the implementation of the Women's Reservation Act, sparking sharp exchanges with the Opposition. Speculation is rife that the government may introduce amendments to the 2023 law in the ongoing budget session of Parliament.

Proposed changes reportedly include linking the Act's implementation based on the 2011 Census for a quicker rollout and potentially increasing the number of Lok Sabha and Assembly seats by 50% on a proportional basis.

Echoing the view of the government, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Friday called on the Opposition to actively participate in discussions and engage constructively with the proposed legal changes.

MEA: Musk wasn't present during Modi-Trump call, trashes reports

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Saturday refuted a media report that said billionaire businessman Elon Musk joined a phone conversation between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump earlier this week. Dismissing the report, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said Tuesday's conversation was between the two leaders only on West Asia crisis.

The New York Times, quoting unnamed US officials, reported on Friday that Musk participated in the call between Trump and Modi, and described that the presence of Musk was an "unusual appearance" by a private citizen on a call between two heads of state. "We have seen the story. The telephone conversation on March 24 was between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Donald Trump only," Jaiswal said. "It provided the opportunity for exchange of views on the situation in West Asia," he said.

The NYT report said it is "unclear" why Musk was on the call or whether he spoke.

"Our prime minister only spoke to Trump and there was no one else who spoke to the PM," an official familiar with the matter said. "It is for Washington to clarify if somebody else was in the room or listening to the conversation," the official added.

The NYT said Musk's participation in the phone call signalled a thaw in the relationship between the billionaire and Trump. The two had fallen out last year following Musk's exit from a government task force charged with slashing the federal workforce.

The US President had initiated the phone call with Modi to discuss the West Asia crisis. It was the first conversation between the two leaders since the West Asia conflict began on February 28. Modi underlined the importance of ensuring that the Strait of Hormuz remains open, secure and accessible.

Responding to the NYT report, the Congress said in a post, "Why was a businessman present when two national leaders were discussing a global crisis? What role did Elon Musk play in this conversation? Was this truly about the West Asia crisis, or was there another business agenda?"of Hormuz remains open, secure and accessible is essential for the whole world. We agreed to stay in touch regarding efforts towards peace and stability."

'What role did Musk play in this conversation?'

Responding to the NYT report, the opposition party Congress posed a series of questions to the Modi government. "Why was a businessman present when two national leaders were discussing a global crisis? What role did Elon Musk play in this conversation? Was this truly about the West Asia crisis, or was there another 'business agenda?" said the party.

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Nominations open for Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar

The Centre has invited nominations for the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2026, a national initiative to recognise outstanding contributions in the fields of science, technology, and innovation. The awards are administered by the RVP Secretariat, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, the Ministry of Science and Technology.

Contraceptives to manage leopard population

JITNEDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

IN a first, the Central government is planning to introduce immunocontraceptives as an experimental population management tool for leopards, particularly in areas where the human-leopard conflict is more pronounced. To pursue this, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change plans to file a petition in the Supreme Court, seeking to lift the existing order so that experimental research can resume.

"We believe there is a need for scientific studies on the use of immunocontraceptives for the management of leopard populations," said a senior official familiar with the development.

This comes after the leopard population grew by roughly 8% from 12,852 in 2018 to 13,874 in 2022. Further, there has been a rise in the number of the big cat's sightings in areas where it was previously less common. This trend has corresponded with a rise in the human–leopard conflict in Maharashtra, Uttarakhand, Karnataka and Rajasthan. As India's most adaptable large carnivore, leopards are widely distributed across diverse habitats, including human-dominated landscapes. It is their adaptability and ability to use fragmented habitats that have increased interactions with humans.

The plan gains significance as an SC bench of Justices Dipak Misra and Vikramajit Sen had in September 2014 restrained the West Bengal government from implementing its proposal to sterilise elephants or any other wildlife using immunocontraceptives to control their population. The court had passed the order on a plea related to the death of elephants on railway tracks in West Bengal, Assam, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka.

"The 2014 order, where the court had described the move as 'impermissible' and 'condemnable,' explicitly barred the government from using any such intervention," the official noted, adding, "The ministry plans to argue in court for experimental research. Scientists from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have provided a detailed note explaining how immunocontraceptives could be administered to the rapidly expanding leopard population."

Dr Raman Sukumar of IISc, a well-known ecologist who was earlier a member of the National Wildlife Board and had initially proposed the idea in coordination with the Bengal government, explained, "The immunocontraceptives would be administered to female leopards to control their population. The current court order even prohibits experimentation." He noted this was successfully implemented elsewhere.

Cong to get temporary relief from vacating 24, Akbar Road office

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

A day before the deadline to vacate its long-time headquarters at 24, Akbar Road, the Congress may receive a last-minute reprieve from its eviction notice, sources said. The Directorate of Estates had issued the notice only days earlier, directing the party to vacate the Lutyens' bungalow by March 28, following its shift to the new headquarters at Indira Bhawan. The notice also covers the Indian Youth Congress office at 5, Raisina Road.

Sources indicated that the reprieve came after senior Congress leaders engaged in back-channel discussions with the government, securing a temporary relief. Sources said that the party can now keep the office for six months. According to sources, former Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot, senior leader Ajay Maken, and others were involved in talks with government representatives.

The party is also expected to explore accommodation options for at least senior leaders and ex-chief ministers, including Ashok Gehlot, Charanjit Singh Channi, Digvijaya Singh, and Kamal Nath, who are eligible for official residences in the Lutyens' zone. Once allotted, the party may consider operating its office from one of these residences as an interim arrangement.

Sources indicated that the party will also continue with legal options on the eviction order. A team led by Rajya Sabha MP and senior Supreme Court lawyer Abhishek Manu Singhvi is currently examining the matter. Although various Congress frontal organisations, including the Mahila Congress, Youth Congress, and NSUI, were expected to shift to new premises after the inauguration of Indira Bhawan, many continue to operate from their old offices.

As per the rules by the Directorate of Estates under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, political parties cannot retain multiple government-allocated properties in the Lutyens' Bungalow Zone.

LADAKH
CJI Justice Surya Kant on Saturday inaugurated the newly constructed district court complex in Leh, marking a significant step towards strengthening judicial infrastructure in the Union Territory.

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INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	38	23	Mumbai	35	27
Bhopal	34	19	Panaji	34	27
Jaipur	33	20	Patna	33	20
Amritsar	29	13	Lucknow	34	18
Chennai	32	27	Port Blair	31	25
Kolkata	36	28	Imphal	30	16
Srinagar	18	03	Chandigarh	31	16

Shah releases chargesheet on 15-year rule of TMC, blames Didi for appeasement politics ● TMC accuses BJP of trying to polarise people

'Bengal corridor of infiltration'

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

SHARPENING BJP's campaign pitch for the West Bengal assembly polls, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday released a 35-page 'chargesheet' against the Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress government that highlighted 'demography change due to infiltrations, corruption, atrocities on women and lawlessness' during her 15-year rule in the state.

Shah framed the election as a battle not merely for Bengal, but for the country's security. "The Bengal election is important not only for the state but for the entire country. The security of the country is, in a way, linked to the Bengal election," Shah told reporters.

He alleged that the state has become the "country's main corridor for infiltration, appeasement politics and insecurity along the border." Arguing that infiltration routes through Assam had been shut after the BJP came to power there, he said, "Mamata-di wants to make the infiltrators her vote bank but BJP will push them back after coming to power. The infiltrators have changed the demography of Bengal posing a serious threat to the security of the country during the 15 years of Trinamool rule."

Union Home Minister Amit Shah and LoP Suvendu Adhikari in West Bengal | PTI

The Home Minister alleged that despite repeated requests by the Centre, the Mamata Banerjee government had not provided the land required for fencing along the Bangladesh border. "This is because the TMC wants to create a vote bank of infiltrators," he alleged. Shah claimed that the BJP would form government in Bengal with absolute majority because anti-incumbency sentiments are sweeping across the state.

"West Bengal is on the top in terms of corruption and syndicate raj as compared with other states. This state is a laboratory of corruption," Shah said.

"TMC has fielded leaders who have been jailed on charges of massive corruption. The party is being run on politics of lies and violence. Mamata-di is lying sometimes on her 'fractured' leg or 'injury on head' and often attacking the Election Commission," the BJP leader said.

The BJP plans to use the 'chargesheet' to tear into the TMC's alleged shortcomings and subsequently present alternatives in its manifesto, 'Sankalp Patra', which is likely to be released in April first week. "Whom do you want to elect -the party that unleashes terror and violence, or the party that delivers good governance? BJP will give you good governance in Bengal. We have won Anga (Assam), Kalinga (Odisha) and now we will win Banga," he said.

"Women are not safe in Bengal where shocking incidents like rape and murder cases at RG Kar Hospital, Kamduni and Hanskhali happen. She had termed the rape case at Park Street as a fabricated incident. People of this sate are saying the Communist regime was better than this," he told the reporters. "She could not even spare the President during the latter's visit to north Bengal recently. She humiliated her who belongs to the tribal community," Shah said.

"Mamata-di always tries to play the victim card when elections come. I have tried to contact her several times. She is too busy to talk to me. She has been creating an environment of terror and politics of divisions," he said. Hitting out at Banerjee over her opposition to SIR, he said, "SIR has taken place in other states too, but nowhere has it been made such an issue. It has been made an issue in Bengal only because Didi wants to protect her vote bank," Shah said.

TMC trashes BJP's chargesheet, says SIR won't have any impact

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Hojai

TRINAMOOL Congress (TMC) strongly countered the "chargesheet" released against her government by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday. It released a 15-page counter "chargesheet" against the BJP hardly one hour after Shah made a scathing attack on her government for what he called infiltration changing the state's demography, appeasement politics, corruptions and syndicate raj, women safety concerns, and lawlessness.

TMC MPs Mahua Moitra and Kirti Azad and state education minister Bratya Basu presented the "chargesheet" against the Union home minister at the Trinamool Bhawan in Kolkata. "Today's chargesheet against Trinamool was nothing but what is expected when a judge and a tainted criminal sharing the same seat deliver a judgement. It was evident from the chargesheet today," Basu said.

Basu counter-attacked the BJP and said women were not safe in BJP-ruled states. "They are releasing the chargesheet in Bengal when there are no women safety concerns in states ruled by the BJP. Women power will win again in Bengal. The BJP can hardly cause any damage in the name of Special Intensive Revision in Bengal," the state education minister said.

Accusing the BJP of insulting the culture and heritage of Bengal, Basu said, "The BJP is giving the prefix of Swami before spiritual leader Sri Ramakrishna. Called Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay as 'Bankimda' and erroneously described Tagore's birthplace. One of your MPs and ministers had once described Swami Vivekananda as leftist. You will never be accepted by the people of Bengal."

Moitra launched a stronger attack on the BJP. She said, "Amit Shah is giving chargesheet against Mamata Banerjee when Bengalis are being tortured in states ruled by the BJP and they are being tainted as Bangladeshis."

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Polling stations inside housing complexes

Around six housing complexes in Kolkata will host polling booths inside their premises for the Bengal polls, the ECI has announced. Kolkata will go to the polls in the second phase scheduled on April 29. Four housing complexes are located in northern part of the city, while the remaining two are in the south. Of the six, Active Acres and Silver Spring in the Entally constituency lake district in Beliaghta Arjun Apartment in Maniktala will have two polling stations in North Kolkata. In South Kolkata, South City in the Rashbehari assembly segment will have two polling stations. Only residents of these apartments are eligible to vote at the booths.

Leopard attack injures five people in Jalpaiguri

Around five persons, including a homemaker, were injured in a leopard attack in Jalpaiguri district's Kranti block on Friday. The incident has triggered panic among locals who said that the leopard strayed into the residential area early on Friday and attacked the homemaker Piyasi Roy first, who was cleaning her courtyard. Neighbours rushed to the spot to help soon after she screamed for help. They were also injured in the chaos. On receiving information, forest department personnel from Apalchand and Targhera ranges of the Baikunthapur forest division rushed to the spot. One of them also sustained injury while controlling the situation.

IIT-KGP's deal with Charnock Hospital

IIT-Kharagpur has signed an MoU with Charnock Hospital in Kolkata, marking a significant step towards fostering innovation, research, and technological advancement in the healthcare facilities. The MoU was signed in presence of Suman Chakraborty, director of IIT, Kharagpur and Prashant Sharma, MD of Charnock Hospital. This aims to bridge the gap between cutting-edge research in healthcare services and its application in clinical practice. The IIT will leverage its healthcare research outcomes. The partnership will focus on the validation and benchmarking of diagnostic and digital health technologies developed by IIT.

Fading fragrance as perfume baron faces tough challenge at home turf

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Hojai

FOR Assam's biggest minority face, Maulana Badruddin Ajmal, the April 9 electoral contest begins from his Gopal Nagar home in central Assam's Hojai town. Gopal Nagar is located in the Binnakandi constituency, from where Ajmal, a former MP and president of the minority-based party All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF), is contesting.

Ask anyone in Hojai, and he will guide you to any of the various educational institutions or the Haji Abdul Majid Memorial (HAMM) Hospital and Research Center that the Ajmal Foundation runs in the "perfume town". Locals know him as "Ajmal Seth", who is a perfume baron with business interests spread across India and the Gulf. Despite his significant reach in Assam's "Miya" areas, the AIUDF is facing the toughest battle this election.

For nearly two decades, AIUDF remained a force to be reckoned with in Bengali Muslim constituencies, bagging 10 seats in 2006 polls, 18 in 2011, 13 in 2016 and 16 in 2021. The party's slide began with the 2024 Lok Sabha elections when it drew a blank. Ajmal's drubbing signalled the AIUDF's depleting popularity, and Congress began to work in minority areas. Despite the odds, Ajmal is confident. "We hope that we will win 25 seats," he said. AIUDF is contesting 30 seats.

'AIUDF not Muslim party'

Ajmal slams critics for calling AIUDF a Muslim party. He said when he spoke about his community, he was labelled communal, but when others spoke about theirs, they were not. "I am not communal.Thirty-three per cent of students in my various educational institutions are non-Muslims," he added.

New Canada law to step up immigration, asylum rules and border security

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE Canadian government has introduced a new law to tighten its asylum and immigration rules. The law allows authorities to pause or cancel immigration applications if needed, reject or change documents, such as work or study permits, visas and even permanent residency, and set new conditions for temporary residents.

The law, called the Immigration System and Borders Act (Bill C-12), came into effect on March 26. Its aim is to make immigration systems stronger and help control borders, fight organised crime, illegal drugs like fentanyl, and illegal money activities.

Indian nationals are currently the largest group of asylum seekers in Canada. As per the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) of Canada, more than 45,000 asylum claims have been made by Indian nationals since December 2012. A significant number of these claims come from regions such as Punjab.

Under the new law, the federal government will share immigration-related information with provinces and territories to support coordination between levels of government. It empowers government to manage application processing in specific situations, including integrity concerns, public health or safety risks.

As per the law, individuals who file an asylum claim more than one year after their first entry into Canada on or after June 24, 2020, will not have their cases referred to the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB) for a full hearing.

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1. Asylum claim one year after first entry into Canada or after June 24, 2020 will not be considered
2. Govt can limit processing of applications in special situations

CM, Shinde lock horns over BMC chief

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

DIFFERENCES have arisen between Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde over the appointment of the head of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC). The incumbent BMC commissioner Bhushan Gagrani, a 1994-batch IAS officer, is set to retire on March 31.

If a decision is not taken on time, Gagrani may get an extension on technical grounds.

According to the eligibility criteria, three senior most IAS officers—Ashwini Bhide, Aseem Gupta, and Sanjay Mukherjee—are the main contenders for the coveted post. Fadnavis has been batting for 1995-batch officer Bhide, while Shinde is pushing for 1994-batch Gupta. Bhide is known to be close to Fadnavis, while Gupta's proximity with Shinde is routinely noted in the power corridors. Gupta was earlier the commissioner of the municipal body of Shinde's Assembly constituency Thane.

Sources said Bhide is a tough taskmaster and was instrumental in pushing the metro network and crashed at Aaray Colony in Mumbai by cutting the trees despite concern from the environmentalists.

"It is the dream of every IAS officer to become the BMC commissioner or state chief secretary, while every IPS officer wants to be the Mumbai police commissioner or the director general of the Maharashtra Police. Therefore, each IAS officer is pushing their case for the top post, though the chief minister is the final authority in the matter," said a source on condition of anonymity.

A senior person who is privy to the developments on the issue added that Shinde has argued that the municipal corporations, including the BMC, are part of the Urban Development Department, so, being incharge of this department, it is his right to chose the next BMC commissioner. "However, the CM has put forth a counter-argument that candidates for top posts, like the BMC commissioner, Mumbai Police commissioner, state chief secretary, and director general of Maharashtra Police, should be chosen by the chief minister only," the source added.

The differences between Fadnavis and Shinde have widening in the recent past. Recently, Fadnavis was miffed over Shiv Sena ministers and MLAs for protesting against own government.

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Cong livid over govt order on Modi visit, crowd management in Gujarat

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

AHEAD of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's one-day visit to Gujarat on March 31, a government directive mobilising students and teachers for his Sanand programme has kicked up a political row.

At the centre of the controversy is a circular issued by the technical education commissioner, directing government polytechnic and engineering colleges to send students and faculty members to attend the event. Institutions have reportedly been asked to send between 100 and 250 students each, along with teaching staff, raising concerns about a possible disruption to classes and academic schedules.

What appeared to be an administrative arrangement snowballed into a political flashpoint, with Opposition questioning both intent and timing. The Congress has seized the opportunity to mount a broader critique of the state's education priorities. In a strongly worded response, the party said: "When it comes to projecting popularity, students are mobilised in large numbers. But when seats in these institutions remain vacant for years, there is no urgency. If attendance can be enforced, why not accountability?".

Congress spokesperson Manish Doshi described the move as part of a recurring trend. "Whenever the PM visits Gujarat or major political events are held, students and faculty are mobilised to gather crowds. This time, instructions have been issued to 16 government engineering colleges and 26 polytechnic institutions with fixed quotas to ensure attendance," he said. The party further linked the directive to deeper structural issues, saying this reflects a systemic contradiction. "While such mobilisation is carried out swiftly, 54% to 64% of seats in polytechnics remain vacant, " Doshi said.

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Maldives admin calls off search for 'Gypsy King'

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE Maldives authorities have finally called off the search operation for 59-year-old Hari Singh of Chandigarh, fondly known as 'Gypsy King', who went missing on March 19 after a speedboat accident near the Felidhoo island.

The family of the Hari -- the five-time Indian National Rally Champion -- has announced a prayer meeting in his remembrance on March 30. Earlier, the Indian Government had deployed a Dornier maritime surveillance plane and an advanced light helicopter to assist the Maldivian forces.

A close family friend said that Hari is survived by his wife, Simran Kaur; daughter, Azmat Kaur, who is a pilot; and son, Mivaan Singh, who works for a private company. "The rescue and search operations were called off last night, and a couple of friends who had gone to the Maldives are back," he added. Shashi Pal Singh Garcha, a former national motocross champion and president of the Chandigarh Motorsports Association, also expressed his concern.

After retiring from competitive racing, Hari served as the Head of Operations at JK Tyre Motorsport and Chief Instructor for Mercedes-Benz India.

He had also won the inaugural Asia Zone Rally Championship, thus becoming one of the first Indian drivers to gain recognition at the international level.

He started his rallying career in 1990 with the Himalayan Car Rally and went on to dominate the sport through the 1990s and early 2000s.

Anti-hate bill cleared, Canada crackdown on terror outfits

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

CANADA'S House of Commons has passed a bill, 'Combating Hate Act', that will criminalise public display of flags and symbols of designated Khalistan terrorist organisations if used to promote hatred and obstruct access to religious and cultural institutions.

The bill advocates for stronger penalties for hate-motivated crimes creating new offences for intimidating or obstructing people seeking access to places of worship, schools or religious and cultural sites. Now, flags associated with Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) and International Sikh Youth Federation (ISYF), both designated as terrorist organisations in Canada and India.

GLOBAL WEATHER

Beijing	21	1	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	28	24	SNY	Melbourne	26	15	LC
Dhaka	31	19	SNY	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	21	SNY	New York	7	2	SNY
Houston	31	19	TDS	Singapore	28	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	1	-5	SNY
London	13	9	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Iran sceptical about talks as war marks a month

Foreign Minister Araghchi accuses US of unreasonable demands and contradictory actions raising doubts on truce deal

DUBAI

IRAN is sceptical about the recent diplomatic efforts to stop the war in the West Asia, Iran Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi told his Turkish counterpart over a call on Saturday while Iran-backed Houthi rebels claimed responsibility for a missile attack on Israel as the war in the West Asia marks its one-month anniversary.

Iran is sceptical about recent diplomatic efforts to stop the war in the West Asia, its Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi told his Turkish counterpart in a phone call on Saturday.

According to a readout of the call on Iranian state-run media, Araghchi accused the US of making "unreasonable demands" and exhibiting "contradictory actions" that raised doubts about the prospect of an agreement. Recent US moves, he said, have been "increased pessimism" on the Iranian side, without specifying which actions.

The Iranian readout said Turkey's Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan assured Araghchi that "Iran's pessimism toward the other side is understandable because Iran has twice been subjected to attack and military aggression in the midst of negotiations."

Iran Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi

UAE reports attacks; 6 hurt

The United Arab Emirates said its air defence systems responded to 20 ballistic missile and 37 drone attacks on Saturday. The attacks wounded six people in an industrial zone in the capital Abu Dhabi, where three fires were reported, authorities said. The UAE's Defence Ministry has reported 413 missile and 1,872 drone attacks since the start of the war. The attacks have killed 10 people, including two troops, and wounded 178 others, the ministry said.

Israeli strike kills 2 journos

Hezbollah's al-Manar TV said that its correspondent Ali Shoeib was killed Saturday in southern Lebanon, while Beirut-based Al-Mayadeen TV said its reporter Fatima Ftouni was killed in the same airstrike.

Shoeib was well-known war correspondent in the country where he had covered south Lebanon for Al-Manar for nearly three decades. Ftouni had made a live report from southern Lebanon just before the strike in Jezzine region.

2 Kuwait ports hit in attacks

Kuwait's ports of Mubarak Al Kabeer and Shuwaikh have been damaged in drone and missile attacks in the past 24 hours, the Defence Ministry said on Saturday. Forces countered 4 ballistic missiles, 1 cruise missile and 7 drones in 24 hours, the ministry said, reporting no casualties. Kuwait International Airport was also hit by drones on Saturday.

Bahrain sees 40+ air attacks

Bahrain, which hosts the US 5th Fleet, said Saturday its air defence systems have responded to 20 missile and 23 drone attacks in the past 24 hours.

That brings the total number of projectiles fired at the Shiite majority country to 174 missiles and 385 drones since the start of the war in the West Asia on February 28. *AP*

Wreckges of vehicles at a car service centre hit by a missile in Tehran | AFP

5 Indians injured in UAE missile debris

DUBAI: Five Indians were injured in Abu Dhabi after debris from a ballistic missile, intercepted by air defences, fell near Khalifa Economic Zones Abu Dhabi (KEZAD), local media reported. Authorities said injuries ranged from minor to moderate and urged the public to rely on official sources and avoid spreading rumours. Two fires were reported in the area due to falling debris. Earlier this week, an Indian and a Pakistani national were killed in a similar incident. The Indian Embassy expressed condolences and said it is coordinating with UAE authorities to provide support and assistance to those affected.

Iran says it dismantled 120+ cluster bombs in south

TEHRAN: Iran's Revolutionary Guards said on Saturday they had found and dismantled more than 120 unexploded cluster bombs, alleging they were dropped during US and Israeli attacks on a southern province. "So far, 122 cluster bombs have been discovered and destroyed around Shiraz and in several towns,"the ISNA news agency quoted Jalal Yarmohammadi, deputy head of public relations for the Guards in Fars province, as saying. It was not immediately clear when the bombs, which involve a single projectile that releases multiple bomblets, were dropped, though the statement said it was "several days ago".

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **Sri Muniyappa and others** have filed the above petition for Death certificate of **Smt.Subbamma W/o Late. Muninarasappa, was died on 15.01.2017** at Bullahalli Village, Harohalli Post, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Thaluk, Bengaluru Rural District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the IInd ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DEVANAHALLI and date of hearing **on-15/05/2026 at 11.00 A.M. in Crl.Misc. No. 162/2026**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Addl. Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
MANOHARA B.C., Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **Smt. DEVIRAMMA and others** have filed the above petitioner No.1 is the wife of deceased **Bylanjinappa and Petitioners No.2 and 3 are the son and daughter of deceased Bylanjinappa in the above case have filed the petition for issue of Death Certificate of Bylanjinappa the deceased herein, who expired on 18.09.2020** at their own house 143, Byalakere village, shivakote Post, yalahanka Taluk, Bengaluru rural district 560089. After the death of the petitioner's mother, the above mentioned petitioner nor petitioner's family members have not applied for death certificate. As per the procedure established by law, the petitioner filed a **Cri. Misc. No.199/2026** case before the Hon'ble CJM, Bengaluru Rural district, Bengaluru and hearing date is on 17.04.2026. Any body have interest in the above case, please present personally or through your pleader **on 17.04.2026 at 11.00 AM,** failing which the above case will be heard and decided as Exparte.

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Chief Judicial Magistrate Court, at Bengaluru Rural Bengaluru
Sri ANIL KUMAR V., Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby informed that my client has entered into an agreement for purchase of the Immovable Property described in the Schedule hereunder from its owners **SRI. S. KISHAN KUMAR,** Son of D. Shanthilal and **SMT. PANNA K,** Wife of Sri. S. Kishan Kumar, both are residing at No.E-401, Jarcnada Block, Brigade Millennium, J.P. Nagar, 7th Phase, Bengaluru-560078. Any person/s having any claim/rights/interest over the Schedule Property or any objections for said sale of the property, may file their objections in writing, along with supporting documents viz. Agreements, JDA, GPA, MOU & other contract agreements, addressed to the undersigned **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this Notice, failing which, it shall be construed that there are no claims of any sort over the said property and my client shall be advised to proceed with the purchase.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT Piece & Parcel of Immovable Commercial Property bearing **E Asthi No.8197211802, BBMP Khata No.153/152/161/93/1, 2,** Property No.93/1 (converted land bearing Sy.93/1, House List No.93/1) and No.93/2 (converted land bearing Sy.93/2, House List No.93/2), situated at **SINGASANDRA VILLAGE, BEGUR HOBLI, HONGASANDRA GRAMA PANCHAYATH, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru,** now comes under the purview of BBMP Ward No.191-Singasandra, measuring **EAST to WEST 187.9 + 163.9/2 FEET and NORTH to SOUTH 99.75 + 103.75 / 2 FEET, in all totally measuring 17,226 square feet,** including passage, parking area and setbacks and comprises of commercial building consisting Ground Floor 10,000 square feet built up area, First Floor 10,000 square feet built up area, Second Floor 10,000 square feet built up area and Third Floor 10,000 square feet built up area and bounded on the:

East by : Vacant Land;
West by : Road,
North by : Property of Purushotham Reddy,
South by: Vacant Land.

Mr. K.B. THIPPE SWAMY, Advocate
No.22, L.S No.25, First Floor, SSB Mattada Complex, Tank Bund Road, Bengaluru-560 009.

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT HOSAKOTE
C. Misc .No. 181/2026

BETWEEN: 1. LAKSHMAMMA, W/o late Revanna, aged about 75 years, R/at Sonnahalli Village, Malur Taluk, Kolar District. **2. Sri. KRISHNAPPA,** S/o late Venkatappa, aged about 72 years, R/at Sonnahalli Village, Malur Taluk, Kolar District. **3. Smt. MUNIVENKATAMMA,** W/o late Muninarayanappa, aged about 68 years, R/at Ranganathapura Village, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. **4. Sri. S.V. VENKATESHAPPA,** S/o late Venkatappa, aged about 60 years, R/at sulibele Village, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. **5. Smt. VARALAKSHMI,** W/o Kempanna, aged about 58 years, R/at Sonnahalli Village. Malur Taluk, Kolar District... **PETITIONERS**
AND: THE THASILDAR, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District ... **RESPONDENT**

GENERAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC

Whereas, the petitioner has filed the above petition seeking the direction to the Tahsildar Hosakote Chief Register of Births and Deaths Hoskote for issuance of death certificate of Petitioners father by name **MUNIAKKAYAMMA** W/o late MUNISHAMAPPA resident of R/at Gonakanahalli Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, who died on 26/01/1979.
The case is posted for the appearance of interested parties/publics on **24-04-2026** at 11:00 A.M before the above said Court. Hence interested parties are hereby required to appear in person/pledge/advocate on **24-04-2026** at 11:00 A.M. before the Principal Civil Judge and J.M.F.C at Hosakote, failing which the above case will be disposed as Exparte.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 26-03-2026.
By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Civil Judge & J.M.F.C, Hosakote

M. VENKATASWAMY, Advocate
No.176, Kanakadasa Circle, Kurubarapete, Market Road, Hosakote Town, Bangalore Rural District. Mob: 9902981528.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the Public in General that my clients **Sri.ASHOK KUMAR.B & Smt.INDUMATHI.M** are negotiating to purchase the Schedule Property from the owner **Sri.A.K.PRASAD,** aged about 75 years, S/o.Late.A.N.Narayana Murthy, residing at No.16, 9th "A" Cross, Park Area, Wilson Garden, **BENGALURU-560 027.** Anybody having any right title or interest whatsoever or any claim in any manner in respect of Schedule Property may lodge their objections with the undersigned advocate with documentary evidence within 7 days from the date of this advertisement, failing which, note that it will be presumed that no objections whatsoever from anybody/s and my client will proceed with the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Site No.16, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike assigned Municipal No.16, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike assigned PID No.62-117-16, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike assigned E-PID No.8184347983, situated at Park Area, Wilson Garden, Bangalore, and measuring East to West : 60 (Sixty) feet and North to South : 50 (Fifty) feet, in all measuring 3000 square feet, together 17 squares building, (Building consisting of Ground floor 10 squares and First Floor 7 squares) with RCC roof, tiles flooring, doors and windows of ordinary wood along with civil amenities and bounded on

East by : Road,
West by : House No.4,
North by : House No.15,
South by : House No.17.

GAJENDRA.S, RANJANI.S, Advocates
No.35, 7th Cross, Opp.: Wilson Garden Police Station, Inside Corporation Market Area, Wilson Garden, Bangalore-560027.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client is intended to purchase the immovable property bearing **Corporation No.3M-215,** having **BBMP/GBA E-Khatha No.9496099488,** measuring **East to West 24.35 meters** and **North to South 15.24 meters,** totally measuring **371.09 Sq meters,** consisting of Basement, Ground, First, Second, third and Fourth floors building constructed with bricks of Marble flooring thereon, Situated at **East of NGEF Layout (Kasturi Nagar),** old ward No.84, New ward No.50, Bengaluru from it's present Owner **M/s. MAINTEC TECHNOLOGIES PVT LTD.,** A private Limited Company incorporated under a Companies act 1956, having its office at No.303A, 100 feet Road, 1st Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560038 Represented by its Managing Director **Mr.Chandra shekar Gupta.**

Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within 05 days from this day to the undersigned. In the absence of any claims within the above said period. it shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims and they have not been made, it shall be deemed to have been waived.

Madhu.R
Advocate and Law Associates
No.33, 1st Floor, Opp to 10th Cross, Cubbonpet Main Road, Cubbonpet, Bengaluru-560002.
Mobile No - 9480365355
e-mail: legaladvisor.rmadhu@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

REVOCATION OF GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNIES & CANCELLATION OF RELASE DEED

It is informed to the General public that, our client Sri.Munikrishnappa being the owner of the land is the absolute owner and having legitimate rights, interest undivided over the following schedule properties:

a) Land bearing survey No.53/1 measuring 0.6 guntas. b) Land bearing survey No.53/2 measuring 0.7 guntas. c) Land bearing survey No.53/3 measuring 0.31 guntas. d) Land bearing survey No.53/4 measuring 1 acre 16 guntas. e) Land bearing survey No.53/8 measuring 0.24 guntas f) Land bearing survey No.53/9 measuring 1 acre 4 guntas including 2 guntas 'B' Kharab land. g) Land bearing survey No.3/3 measuring 0.1 gunta. h) Land bearing Survey No.351/2 measuring 0.2 guntas. j) Land bearing survey No.351/3 measuring 0.2 guntas. All the above a to j properties are situated at Konaghatta Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. k) Land bearing survey No.108/1 measuring 1 acre 33 guntas l) Land bearing survey No.108/2 measuring 0.24 guntas. m) Land bearing survey No.108/3 measuring 1 acre 33 guntas. n) Land bearing survey No.95 measuring 1 acre 24 guntas including 1 gunta 'A' Kharab land All the above properties from 'k' to 'n' are situated at Yelahanka Village, Yelahanka No.1 Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru District and o) Land bearing survey No.20/2 measuring 0.12 guntas. p) Land bearing survey No.20/5 measuring 0.14 guntas, q) Land bearing survey No.20/6 measuring 0.8 guntas. r) Land bearing survey No.20/7 measuring 0.6 guntas. s) Land bearing survey No.20/8 measuring 0.8 guntas. All the sub survey Nos. of survey No.20 measuring 1 acre 08 guntas situated at Linganahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.

In the above said lands, my client is having undivided rights over the properties, one Sri.Sananda G have obtained an unregistered GPA from my client and others on 21/01/2023, on the strength of the said GPA, said Sri.Sananda G have filed a suit in O.S.No.1415/2023 before the Hon'ble VI Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-11) at Bengaluru on 28/02/2023. During the pendency of the suit, Sri.Sananda G have played fraud with my client and taken him before the Sub-Registrar and got entered a General Power of Attorney on 06/11/2024 in respect of those properties stated above, same is registered before the Sub-Registrar, Doddaballapura vide document No.DBP-4-00687-2024-2025, Book No.4 and same is saved in CD and on the very same day, Sri.Sananda G have got registered a release deed on 06/11/2024 from my client and others infavour of Sri.Sananda G in respect of the above said properties, same is registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Doddaballapura, vide document No.DBP-4-00688-2024-2025, Book No.4, same is saved in CD, those instruments was taken by him by misusing my client's illiteracy and innocence. In order to cancel/ revoke above instruments in favour of Sri.Sananda G our client has caused legal notice dated 31-10-2025 for cancellation/revocation of GPA dated dated 21-01-2023, Registered GPA dated 06-11-2024 and Release Deed dated 06-11-2024.

In the view of the above, this public notice is hereby issued regarding the revocation of GPA dated 21-01-2023, Registered GPA dated 06-11-2024 and Cancellation of Release Deed dated 06-11-2024 by our client and others in favour of Sri.Sananda G in respect of the schedule properties. Henceforth Sri.Sananda G shall not transact any deed/s / conveyance to the third party in respect of the schedule properties. Any transaction that may take place on the strength of GPA 21-01-2023, Registered GPA dated 06-11-2024 and Release Deed dated 06-11-2024, which has been already revoked/cancelled under the notice would not be binding on our client and our client would not ratify or confirm the said transaction/s.

G.M GADILINGAPPA & R.MANJUNATHA,
Advocates & Legal Consultants
NISARGA LAW ASSOCIATES,
No.39/2, Chamber No.53 (54), 5th Floor, ASVNV Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru-560009.
Mob: 9845183192/ 9845826899, Email:gmgadi75@gmail.com

NOTICE

The State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Karnataka (Constituted by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India) has accorded Environmental Clearance for Proposed Expansion of Hospital and Allied Health Sciences Project (1000 beds & Built up area 1, 47, 840 m2) at PID No. 1/B, 1/1, 1/2 and 1/3, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bangalore by M/s. Bangalore Baptist Hospital, PID No. 1/B, 1/1, 1/2 and 1/3, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bangalore vide letter No. SEIAA 326 CON 2025 (EC Identification No. EC25C3804KA5281600N) dated 17th March 2026.

The said copy of Environmental Clearance is available with the website **https://parivesh.nic.in/**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that our client intends to purchase (No advance/token amount is paid to the Vendor/Seller) the Property bearing No.1302 bearing BBMP E-Khatha Property No.754/1302, New **E-PID No.8277463518** and New Ward No.88 Jeevanbheema Nagar measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South (86 feet+ 83 feet)/2 (equivalent to 4225 Square feet) along with a building standing thereon situated at HAL III Stage Bangalore from its present owners **(i) Mr.P.S.Arun son of Mr.P.S.Srinivasa Rao, (ii) Ms.P.A.Sukanya and (iii) Mr.P.A.Chaitanya** both children of **Mr.P.S.Arun.**

Any Person(s) having any right over the said property may lodge his/her/their objections/ claim with documentary evidence within **7 (seven) days** from the date of this publication, to the undersigned.

K. V. Narendra & Associates, Advocates and Legal Consultants,
No.557, 2nd Floor, 9th A Main, Indiranagar, Bangalore - 560038.
Ph: 99451 09229 / 9448212853

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public at large **Mr.Sheikbasha** C/O Sheikh Bhasha. Residing at #296,ATM Canara Bank, Bileshivale, Bangalore North, Karnataka -560077.he has lost the Registered Original sale deed of 8th page of Doc No.BDH-1-00351-2021-22 dated on 19-04-2021 he has lost at Near Beshivale bus stop Accordingly he has lodged the complainant on Bangalore City Police with E-Lost dated 28/03/2026 Report No.2129035/2026.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All the piece and parcel property bearing Site No.22, Property No.30,New Property No.30/2, Property No.30/3, New Property No. 30/5, Situated at Anagalapura Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring East to West Northern Side : 31 feet, on the Southern Side : 40 feet and North to south on Eastern Side : 35.6 feet, on the Western Side 26 feet, Totally measuring 1031 sq feet bounded on **East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No.21, **North by:** Private Property, **South by:** Site No. 22A and Site No. 22B, If anyone finding the aforesaid document is hereby requested to handover the same to our office at the address mentioned hereunder.

HARISHA S, Advocate
#1479. DRLS PLAZA. Union Bank Building, T Dasarahalli, Bengaluru-560057 **M: 9060950265**

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

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Dated : 24-03-2026

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South Western Railway Bengaluru Division- Provision/ Replacement of overaged IPS, MF earthing including modified LPD's (as per RDSO guidelines), overaged batteries with VRLA batteries over Bengaluru Division.	Rs. 5,48,32,093.05

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For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client M/s. Regis and Savoy Capital, represented by its Proprietor Mr. Anil Kumar Nahar S/o. Gautham Chand Nahar is proposing to purchase (1) Immovable Residential Vacant BDA Plot bearing No.59, PID No.6000006155, carved out in Sy.No.11, measuring East to West: 70 feet and North to South: 100 feet, in all totally measuring 7000 square feet, situated at Srinivagilu Amanikere Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and bounded on the East by: Plot No.58, West by: Plot No.60, North by: Road and South by: Plot No.66 presently owned by DR. SABITHA RAMAMURTHY, MR. JAYADEEP K. REDDY and SMT. K.R. TRISTHA; and (2) Immovable Residential Vacant BDA Plot bearing No.60, PID No.6000005690, carved out in Sy.No.11, measuring East to West: 70 feet and North to South: 100 feet, in all totally measuring 7000 square feet, situated at Srinivagilu Amanikere Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and bounded on the East by: Plot No.59, West by: Plot No.61, North by: 40 feet Road and South by: Plot No.65, which is currently owned by Dr. BINDU HARI KRISHNAN W/o. Hari Krishnan.

If anybody having any objection for the same or anybody having any claim on the said properties, is requested to contact the undersigned within 15 days of the publication of this notice. Any claim made after the period of 15 days will not be binding on my client.

SOMASHEKHARA A.N, Advocate
AASTHI LAW CHAMBERS
No. 21/1, Girls School Street, Kumarapark West, Bengaluru - 560020

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the General Public that, my client **SRI. MUKUND HANDRAL** has entered into sale agreement on 19.03.2026, to purchase the schedule property from **SRI. RAGHU J REDDY,** S/o Sri.Jayasheela Reddy.

If anybody/persons or any bank, Financial Institution/s is/are, having any interest, rights, claims and shares etc., or have objections regarding the said sale transaction, may contact the undersigned advocate with relevant documents & make Claim **within 7 days** from the date of this publication, failing which it shall be deemed that, there is no objection / claims for the said sale transaction and my client shall proceed to purchase it.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of a residential **2 BHK Flat, bearing No.202,** in **Second floor,** in **'GANESH RESIDENCY'** apartment, measuring **925 Sq ft** of Built up area, with New Property PID no. **9612482721,** constructed in site bearing No. 6, VP Khatha No. 106, old CMC Khatha No. 2198/106/6, situated in Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West on the Northern side 52-0 feet, on the Southern side 66-00 feet and North to South 60-00 feet, in all measuring 3540 Sq ft, which is bounded on:

East by : Site No. 5
West by : Private Property
North by : Road
South by : Private property

N. KRUPAKARA, Advocate
No. 1496, 1st Floor, Sub Registrar Office Building, Begur Main Road, Begur Bengaluru-560068. MOB:9845339928.
Date: 28-03-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

DOCUMENT MISSING

Notice is hereby given that the Residential Vacant Site bearing Number 82, Jalige Gramapanchayath, Maragondanahalli Village, Khata No. 56/71/82, "MARAGONDANAHALLI VILLAGE",Devanahalli Taluk, thereabouts Presently belong to Smt. Pavithra N P w/o Somashekara Reddy aged about 29 years, (Aadhaar No.3724 5709 8204) above mentioned site's one of the previous original Sale Deed, dated 19-09-2015, registered as Document No. DNH-1-05396-2015-16, Book no. 1, CD No. DNHD560, at the Office of the Sub Registrar, Devanahalli, On 21/03/2026 to 24-03-2026 in between after making photocopy of the above mentioned Original document i was travelling in kodigehalli by my Vehicle, unfortunately, the above said original documents have fell down from the vehicle and the same are not traceable. If anybody is in possession of the original documents relating to the said property they are requested contact or to hand over the same to the below address, Within the period of **15 days.**

PAVITHRA .N.P
#5, 2nd Floor, 1st House, 5th Main Road, 1st Avenue, Tata Nagar, Sahakar Nagar Post, Bengaluru 560092. Mob: 88617 50033

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that my client is intending to purchase the immovable property more fully described in the Schedule hereunder. Any person/s having any right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever in respect of the said property by way of sale, mortgage, lease, lien, charge, inheritance, gift, possession, easement or otherwise are hereby required to make the same known in writing, along with documentary proof, to the undersigned within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice.

If no such claims are received within the stipulated period, it shall be presumed that there are no claims whatsoever in respect of the said property and the proposed transaction will be completed, and any such claims, if any, shall be deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential vacant site bearing New No. 85 (Old No. 29), PID No. 2146547651 (Old PID No. 98-43-85), carved out of converted land, situated in BBMP Ward No. 98 (Ganganagar), measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 2400 sq. ft., situated at 13th Main, Ganganagar North, Bangalore, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever, whether underneath or above the surface, and bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Site belonging to V. Bhaskar, North by: Property of K. Shyamraj, South by: Property of N. Subbaraj

Y.A. NAGARAJ, Advocate
No. 1, 2nd floor, 4th Main, Kumara Park West Road, Near Subramanya Temple Arch, Seshadripuram, Bangalore-560020.
Mob:9845795956, Date:28-03-2026

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT HOSAKOTE
C. Misc .No. 183/2026

BETWEEN: 1. LAKSHMAMMA, W/o late Revanna, aged about 75 years, R/at Sonnahalli Village, Malur Taluk, Kolar District. **2. Sri. KRISHNAPPA,** S/o late Venkatappa, aged about 72 years, R/at Sonnahalli Village, Malur Taluk, Kolar District. **3. Smt. MUNIVENKATAMMA,** W/o late Muninarayanappa, aged about 68 years, R/at Ranganathapura Village, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. **4. Sri. S.V. VENKATESHAPPA,** S/o late Venkatappa, aged about 60 years, R/at sulibele Village, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. **5. Smt. VARALAKSHMI,** W/o Kempanna, aged about 58 years, R/at Sonnahalli Village. Malur Taluk, Kolar District. ... **PETITIONERS**
AND: THE THASILDAR, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. ... **RESPONDENT**

GENERAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC

Whereas, the petitioner has filed the above petition seeking the direction to the Tahsildar Hosakote Chief Register of Births and Deaths Hoskote for issuance of death certificate of Petitioners father by name **VENKATAPPA,** S/o Late. MUNISHAMAPPA resident of R/at Gonakanahalli Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, who died on 10-03-1981.
The case is posted for the appearance of interested parties/publics on **24-04-2026** at 11:00 A.M before the above said Court. Hence interested parties are hereby required to appear in person/pledge/advocate on **24-04-2026** at 11:00 A.M. before the Principal Civil Judge and J.M.F.C at Hosakote, failing which the above case will be disposed as Exparte.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 26/03/2026.
By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Civil Judge & J.M.F.C, Hosakote

M. VENKATASWAMY, Advocate
No.176, Kanakadasa Circle, Kurubarapete, Market Road, Hosakote Town, Bangalore Rural District. Mob: 9902981528.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SALE DEED LOST

My client **Sri. P.ASHWATH NARAYAN,** S/o. S.M.Papanna, is the absolute owner of the property Assmt No.93, House list No.84, Khatha No.361, Situated at Anjanapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, is in physical Possession morefully described in the Schedule hereunder. Our client represented that on 14-03-2026 he has lost / misplaced the Original Sale deed while shifting home. **Sale Deed Dated 30-04-1998, Doc No.8745/97-98, Sub Registrar office at Kengeri.** Hence our client has lodged E-Complaint lost report No.2124034/2026 on 25-03-2026. Any person or persons finding the above Original Sale deed may please hand over the document to the undersigned or to the Owner. If any Person / Persons claiming any rights, title or interest based on the said Sale Deed should write to the undersigned within 15 days of publishing this Public Notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Property Assmt No.93, House list No.84, Khatha No.361, Situated at Anjanapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West: 40 Feet, and North to South: 30 Feet, totally measuring 1200 Sqft., and bounded on the : East by: Property No.76, West by Road, North by : Property No.83 South by: Property No.85

Together with One square house of A.C. Sheets roofing, constructed with mud and bricks, doors and windows of jungle wood.

G.R. RAJANNA, Advocate & Notary
No. 7, Reshmenagar, (Ganigarapalya), BSK 6th Stage, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore-560 109. Mob: 9886441010
Date:28-03-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **Sri Mariyappa and another** have filed the Above case father of the first petitioner and grandfather of the second petitioner namely **SHAMANNA @ KARINAGAPPA S/o MARIYAPPA was died on 09-02-2001.** An application has been filed with before Hon'ble Additional Civil Judge and J.M.F.C., Devanahalli to obtain the death certificate of the said person, which will be heard **at 11:00 a.m. on 10/6/26.** If there is any dispute regarding the said application, it is directed to appear in the above mentioned court on the said date. **Crl.Misc. No.182/2026**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Addl. Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Sri Bharath .J, Advocate

Public Notice

Public are hereby informed that my cllent proposes to enter into a sale-deed with respect to the below mentioned Scheduled Propertles. Persons objecting to the proposed Sale transaction, or having any rights in the Scheduled Property may lodge their objections and/or claims with supporting documentary evidence and/or the undersigned claims within **10 (Ten) days** from the date of this publication and objections or claims received thereafter will not be a binding on my client and my client will proceed with the purchase of the below mentioned Scheduled Property as if there are no objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the land and Resort belonging to Mr. Nagesh K N S/o Nainappa residing at Kodathi Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East - 560035. Extent of property measuring 3 Acres 38 Guntas in Sy No's 195/1,195/3,195/4 in Arasinaguppe Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikkamagaluru District, Chikkamagalluru Taluk. Together with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on: **East By:** Survey no: 195/2, **West By:** Survey No: 196, **North By:** Survey No: 51 and Road, **South By:** Survey No:51

Mr.Hanumantharaya. D - Advocate
SRI SAI LAW CHAMBERS
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No 273,2nd Main,West of Chord Road 2nd Stage Bangalore-560086
Telephone No: 9686102819.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, Mr. Ajay, aged about 35 years, S/o Late N. Murthy, residing at No. 39, Bhuvaneshwarinagar, Manchanahalli Road, Attibele, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru - 562107, is the absolute owner and is in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the immovable property bearing No. 300/1, having PID No. 5582615505 and Municipal Assessment No. 7842/6894/300/1. The said property measures: East to West: 9.144018 Meters & North to South: 12.192024 Meters, in all totally are measuring 111.4841 Square Meters. Situated at Attibele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, presently coming under the jurisdiction of Attibele Town Municipality, Ward No. 8, and located at Bhuvaneshwarinagar, Manchanahalli Road, Attibele. The property consists of an RCC roofed building with all civic amenities and is bounded as follows:

EAST BY : Road, WEST BY : House Property belongs to Savitha, NORTH BY : House Property belongs to Venugopal, SOUTH BY : Property Belongs to Bharath.

My client has acquired the above-mentioned property by virtue of a Registered Release Deed dated 04.01.2025, duly registered as Document No. ANK-1-09581/2024-25, Book No. I, at pages 1 to 9, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Anekal, executed by Smt. Hemalatha A.S. and Smt. Suma in favour of my client.

Originally, the said property belonged to Late Narayanappa @ Matada Narayanappa. Subsequently, the family members of Late Narayanappa @ Matada Narayanappa filed a suit for partition in O.S. No. 339/1993 on the file of the Hon'ble Munsiff & JMFC Court, Anekal. As per the judgment and decree passed in the said suit, the above-mentioned property was allotted to the share of my client's father, Late N. Murthy, who thereafter became the absolute owner of the same.

Whereas, the father of my client, Late N. Murthy, expired on 01.08.2013, leaving behind my client, Smt. Hemalatha A.S., and Smt. Suma as his Class I legal heirs, who have succeeded to his estate in accordance with law. The mother of my client, Smt. Jayamma, expired on 15.12.2010. The original owner, Late Narayanappa @ Matada Narayanappa, also expired intestate long prior. Due to lack of awareness and inadvertence, the death certificates of Late Narayanappa @ Matada Narayanappa and Smt. Jayamma have not been obtained till date.

My client is in the process of obtaining the said death certificates from the competent authorities.

My client now intends to avail a loan from a financial institution by mortgaging the above-mentioned property and affirms that the title to the property is clear, marketable, and free from all encumbrances, claims, or legal impediments.

My client now intends to mortgage the said property for obtaining a loan.

Any person having claim, right, title, interest, or objection over the above property is hereby called upon to submit the same with supporting documents within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which such claims shall be deemed waived.

P.R. DHANANJAYA, Advocate,
No. 120 & 123, 2nd 'A' Main Road, Bhyraveshwaranagar, Laggere, Bengaluru-560 058. Mobile.: 9242164578.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients have entered into an Agreement of Sale to purchase a Flat in the First Floor of 'VIJAYA NIVAS' bearing Khatha No.13/3, PID No.62-111-13/3, Property No.56/13/3, E-PID No.1465381175, situated at 7th Cross Road, Wilson Garden, Old Ward No.62, New Ward No.145, Bangalore, measuring Super built up Area of 609 square feet, described in the 'C' Schedule Property, together with 500 square feet undivided share in the land, described in the 'B' Schedule Property, in the Property bearing Khatha No.13, PID No.62-111-13, situated at 7th Cross Road, Wilson Garden, Old Ward No.62, New Ward No.145, Bangalore, described in the 'A' Property from **Sri. ANANTARAM SREENATH,** aged about 82 years, son of late. M.Anantharam Iyengar, residing at Flat No.D-608, 'D' Block, 6th Floor, Renaissance Temple Bells, Industrial Suburb, Yeshwanthapura, Bangalore – 560 022.

The Public is hereby informed that if anybody have any objections for the above said Sale, they may file their objections along with the related documents to the under signed within **Fifteen days** from the date of this publication. If no objections have been received within the above time, my Client will proceed to Purchase the 'B' & 'C' Schedule Property as nobody have any objections.

'A' SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Khatha No.13, PID No.62-111-13, situated at **7th Cross Road, Wilson Garden,** Old Ward No.62, New Ward No.145, Bangalore, measuring

East to West : 80 feet
North to South : 50 feet
In total 4000 square feet
Bounded on the
East by : Road.
West by : Private Property.
North by : Private Property.
South by : Private Property.

'B' SCHEDULE

500 square feet undivided share in the land of 'A' Schedule Property

'C' SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Flat in the First Floor of 'VIJAYA NIVAS' bearing Khatha No.13/3, PID No.62-111-13/3, Property No.56/13/3, E-PID No.1465381175, situated at **7th Cross Road, Wilson Garden,** Old Ward No.62, New Ward No.145, Bangalore, measuring Super built up Area of 609 square feet.

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'B' SCHEDULE

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'C' SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Flat in the Ground Floor of 'VIJAYA NIVAS' bearing Khatha No.13/1, PID No.62-111-13/1, Property No.56/13/1, E-PID No.1748962762, situated at **7th Cross Road, Wilson Garden,** Old Ward No.62, New Ward No.145, Bangalore, measuring Super built up Area of 713 square feet.

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'B' SCHEDULE

500 square feet undivided share in the land of 'A' Schedule Property

'C' SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Flat in the First Floor of 'VIJAYA NIVAS' bearing Khatha No.13/5, PID No.62-111-13/5, Property No.56/13/5, E-PID No.7416461993, situated at **7th Cross Road, Wilson Garden,** Old Ward No.62, New Ward No.145, Bangalore, measuring Super built up Area of 713 square feet.

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'C' SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Flat in the Second Floor of 'VIJAYA NIVAS' bearing Khatha No.13/7, PID No.62-111-13/7, Property No.56/13/7, E-PID No.2635398749, situated at **7th Cross Road, Wilson Garden,** Old Ward No.62, New Ward No.145, Bangalore, measuring Super built up Area of 613 square feet.

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My Clients have entered into an Agreement of Sale to purchase a Flat in the Second Floor of 'VIJAYA NIVAS' bearing Khatha No.13/6, PID No.62-111-13/6, Property No.56/13/6, E-PID No.5925110418, situated at 7th Cross Road, Wilson Garden, Old Ward No.62, New Ward No.145, Bangalore, measuring Super built up Area of 613 square feet, described in the 'C' Schedule Property, together with 500 square feet undivided share in the land, described in the 'B' Schedule Property, in the Property bearing Khatha No.13, PID No.62-111-13, situated at 7th Cross Road, Wilson Garden, Old Ward No.62, New Ward No.145, Bangalore, described in the 'A' Property from **Smt. RADHA RAMESH,** aged about 71 years, wife of late.A.Ramesh, residing at No.56/13, Anantha Vijaya Nivas, 7th Cross Road, Wilson Garden, Bangalore – 560 027.

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$698 BN India's foreign currency reserves at the end of March 20 week. The total reserves fell by $11.4 billion during the week as the RBI sold dollars to support rupee.

Hotel biz takes a hit in West Asia

Continued conflict causes cancellations and revenue losses for hotels in Dubai, Doha, etc

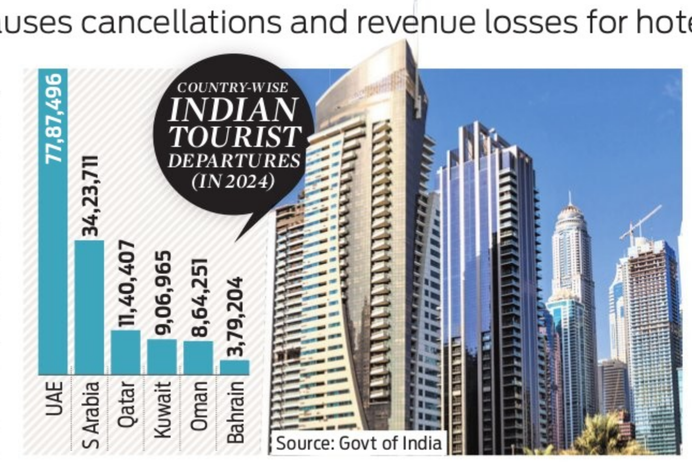
ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

THE hospitality sector in West Asia has witnessed a sharp decline in business with occupancy levels at many hotels plunging to single digits as the conflict in the region, which began on February 28, shows no signs of abating. Industry executives and experts say that travellers are currently reluctant to visit the region for either leisure or business.

"Along with this, airlift into these markets has dried up. This is why hotels in this region are experiencing a crisis. So in the short term, the Middle East is pretty tough. We are also at the end of the high season there, meaning the impact would continue but it would be less severe as the coming months are an offseason period anyway," said Christopher Hartley, chief executive of Global Hotel Alliance.

He added that, besides the key destination Dubai, other markets such as Bahrain, Doha, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Israel are also severely affected.

The ongoing conflict in West Asia, involving the US-Israel coalition and Iran tensions, has severely disrupted global and regional travel, causing massive cancellations and revenue losses for hotels and airlines. While the US and Israel forces have primarily targeted Iran and certain regions of Lebanon, Iran has launched a massive campaign against countries that have a US airbase and military interests in the region.



According to the World Travel and Tourism Council, the region is losing at least $600 million in visitor spending per day due to declining travel demand. The West Asia attracts about 5% of international tourists and 14% of global transit traffic. Hubs such as Dubai, Doha, and Abu Dhabi, which used to handle over half a million passengers daily, have experienced closures, affecting both tourists and connecting passengers.

A large number of Indians travel to West Asia for business and leisure with Dubai being the most visited city in the region. According to government data, around 7.8 million Indians visited Dubai in 2024 followed by Saudi Arabia (3.4 million).

As for the hospitality sector, the region, especially Dubai, has one of the highest concentrations of hotels which are brimming in the peak holiday season (November to March). Before the conflict began, international tourists were expected to spend around $207 billion in the region in 2026 and their arrivals to the Middle East were projected to grow by around 13% this year. That outlook has completely reversed following the conflict.

Impacted portfolio

Anuraag Bhatnagar, CEO, The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts, said on Friday that the geopolitical conditions have impacted their portfolio on account of cancellations and postponements. The hotel chain had last year acquired 25% stake in Sofitel The Palm FZE, a major luxury beachfront property on Palm Jumeirah, Dubai. "We have seen a series of cancellations. It seems that most of the delegations and the groups that were coming in, especially from the Middle East, were cancelled and certain programs are pushed back more into the future quarters," added Bhatnagar. However, he expressed optimism regarding the luxury travel sector's resilience.

"We have lived through 9/11, 26/11, we've been through that. We see that the recovery, especially on the luxury side, is pretty quick, and luxury as a segment has always been far more resilient," he added.

'Recovery to be swift after conflict'

The Global Hotel Alliance CEO is also confident that once the conflict comes to an end, the recovery will be swift. "As soon as the covid restrictions were lifted, people started travelling again. This is despite the background noise going on," stated Christopher Hartley.

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TECH COS SUFFER THEIR BIG TOBACCO MOMENT

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BIG Tech companies like Meta, which owns Instagram, Facebook and WhatsApp, and Alphabet that owns Google and YouTube have ensnared millions of children and young people in a labyrinth of online games and habits.

Despite thousands of lawsuits and reams of anecdotal evidence, the power of Big Tech has ensured these issues were denied and obfuscated. But now that might change. In two lawsuits in the United States (US), jurors have ruled against these companies penalising them with huge damages for bringing on social media addiction and mental illness intentionally.

Last Wednesday, a Los Angeles jury handed down $6 million in damages to a young woman who had sued Meta and YouTube for deliberately harming the 20-year-old's mental health. The epoch-making judgement removed the shield behind which these companies had hidden for years. Section 230, a federal US law, had given them immunity from third party content posted on their platform.

New grounds upheld

Filed by a young woman named Kaley, the LA case broke new ground. The tech companies were held accountable for harm caused by the deliberate design of their platforms rather than the content they host. The jury upheld Kaley's arguments that Instagram and such like were designed to draw youngsters into endless scrolling feeds, and beauty filters. The algorithms were engineered to make these platforms addictive.

A day before the LA order, a New Mexico jury, also in the US, found Meta had violated a state law by not warning users of the dangers the platform posed to children from sexual predators. Meta was held liable for willfully engaging in "unfair and deceptive" trade practices, and ordered to pay $375 million in damages.

Spokespersons for Meta and Google have vowed to appeal. They assert no general conclusions can be drawn as each case is different. Despite the brave talk, these two rulings are watershed moments for Big Tech which so far functioned with impunity. As many have put it: It is the Big Tobacco Moment for the Digital World.

"This verdict sends a clear message to an entire industry that the era of operating without consequence is over," Mark Lanier, lead trial counsel for the plaintiff, said in a statement.

These rulings will bear significance beyond U.S.' shores. The burgeoning digital class of Indian youth too has not escaped this generational tunnel.

Horrific cases in the recent past have barely created a flutter. On February 4, three minor sisters, aged 12, 14 and 16, from Ghaziabad, UP died by suicide after months of addiction to a online mobile game. Police

MANDAR PARDIKAR

investigations continue but nobody has hauled up the gaming app that triggered this mess.

Pranshu, a queer artist, died by suicide in 2023 following intense online trolling and cyber bullying after posting a reel on Instagram wearing a sari.

The crisis is much larger in India than is perceived. A recent survey has shown 36.9% of college students displaying addiction-related behavior including anxiety, depression, and low self-esteem. The addiction is rampant among 15-24 year-olds, who comprise 71% of India's internet users.

Legislation needed

Despite social media addiction being widespread in India, there is hardly any legal intervention calling out the role of tech companies. There are no successful lawsuits against the tech companies that operte these apps.

In April last year, the Supreme Court dismissed a PIL seeking a ban on use of social media by children under 13. The apex court held it was a policy matter for legislation and not not a judicial call.

While judicial rulings like the one in Los Angeles will make punitive claims easier against tech companies, ultimately legislation is the way forward. Laws and rules will have to be put in place to monitor online platforms and keep young people safe. Deterrent fines on companies that violate the law will play a big role.

Big Tech companies can hardly be expected to fall in line voluntarily. The commercial value of a market place of young people is irresistible. Those under 18 spend more time on the internet, and are aggressive consumers of digital products. Social media platforms Facebook, Instagram, SnapChat, TikTok, X, and YouTube collectively derived $11 billion in advertising revenue from US-based users younger than 18 in 2022, according to a new study led by the Harvard T.H. Chan School for Public Health.

Ironclad laws will therefore have to be the big protective wall. Australia was the first to bring in protective legislation for children under 16. It's Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Act 2024 went into effect on December 10, 2025, forcing major platforms to deactivate millions of underage accounts. Denmark too has passed a law to protect kids, while the UK, Spain, France and Malaysia are at an advanced stage of passing similar legislation.

In India, despite the ballooning problem, there is no determined move to legislate a ban on use of social media for children. The Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023 mandates verifiable parental consent for users under 18 and prohibits platforms from tracking children or using targeted advertising.

Sadly, cases of addiction and depression are seen as individual aberrations to be treated by counselling and parental control. There are no parameters set to make social media platforms culpable for endangering mental health of young users. The faster mental illness of GenZ is seen as the residue of corporate greed, the quicker will come the solutions.

VOICE BOT

SquadStack rolls out humanoid vision agent

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

BENGALURU-based AI company SquadStack.ai has announced the launch of its humanoid vision agent, a voice AI agent that processes product images, analyses listings, and cross-references seller data before initiating a sales call. Kanika Jain, co-founder of SquadStack.ai, said: "They have deployed the agent for an international car manufacturer."

The agent introduces a context-first approach, enabling the system to analyse and interpret relevant information before the conversation begins. By processing product listings, analysing images, and cross-referencing seller data in advance, the agent is able to start interactions with a clear understanding of the user's requirement, reducing friction and improving engagement.

With this agent, the company has 70% of customer queries being translated into sales without the need of human query, she said.

"With Humanoid Vision Agent, we are addressing this gap by enabling the system to interpret what the customer has already seen and understood before the interaction begins. This approach reduces unnecessary friction, makes conversations more relevant, and allows businesses to deliver faster, more efficient, and outcome-driven engagement at scale," said Apurv Agrawal, Co-Founder and CEO, SquadStack.ai.

RBI caps forex bet by banks to check rupee volatility

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed banks to limit their net open position in the rupee (NOP-INR) in the onshore deliverable market to $100 million at the end of each business day, in a move aimed at managing exchange rate volatility.

Indian currency has seen unprecedented volatility with rupee losing more than 5% in March alone and over 10% the current financial year. The domestic currency closed at 94.82 on Friday, down 86 paise from its previous close, weighed down by elevated oil prices and a stronger greenback amid the rising uncertainties over the Iran war.

The directive, issued as part of amendments to the Master Direction on Risk Management and Inter-Bank Dealings dated July 5, 2016, requires banks to comply with the revised limits at the earliest, but no later than April 10, 2026.

Decision is taken under provisions that allow us to set limits on open positions involving rupee depending on prevailing market conditions

Reserve Bank of India

The central bank said the decision has been taken under provisions that allow it to prescribe limits on open positions involving the rupee depending on prevailing market conditions. The cap is expected to curb excessive speculative positions and ensure orderly functioning of the foreign exchange market.

Authorised dealers have been advised to strictly maintain their NOP-INR positions within the prescribed threshold on a daily closing basis.

The RBI clarified that the directions have been issued under Sections 10(4), 11(1) and 11(2) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999, and are without prejudice to any permissions or approvals required under other applicable laws. Market participants said the move signals the central bank's intent to keep a tighter leash on currency exposures amid evolving global and domestic financial conditions.

West Asia crisis poses risk to GDP growth, may spike inflation: FinMin

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

THE ongoing West Asia crisis could pose a considerable downside risk to India's GDP growth in FY27, says the finance ministry in its latest Monthly Economic Review, even as it flagged higher inflation concerns.

"We upgraded India's growth estimate (at constant prices) for FY27 to a range of 7-7.4%. Clearly, there is considerable downside to this number. Data for March will not reveal much, since businesses are trying to meet full-year targets for FY26," it said in its March review.

The ministry identified four key channels through which the conflict could affect the Indian economy -- supply disruptions to oil, gas and fertilizers, higher import prices, higher logistics costs and a possible decline in remittances by Indians in the Gulf countries. According to the Ministry, the fuel shock is also expected to have a trickle-down effect on inflation, raising input and transportation costs across sectors.

Not only does it trigger inflation, the crisis will also have a significant impact on the overall export, says the ministry. With crude imports accounting for nearly one-fourth of India's total imports, the spike in global prices — from about $69 per barrel to over $110 per barrel as of March 20 — can also widen India's merchandise trade deficit. Retail inflation rose to a 10-month high of 3.21% in February 2026, driven primarily by a sharp uptick in food prices, while most other categories remained broadly stable. "The current inflation numbers do not yet reflect the potential impact of rising crude oil prices, which pose an upside risk going forward," it said.

It further flagged risks to remittance inflows. With Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, accounting about 38% of India's total remittances in 2023-24 and host nearly half of Indian migrants, any sustained rise in crude oil prices could weigh on fiscal conditions in these economies and, in turn, moderate remittance growth in the near term, said the report.

The ministry stressed the need for immediate targeted relief for vulnerable households and businesses and at the same time emphasized the need for creating fiscal space and building long-term buffers in critical commodities. Thus, "re-prioritisation of spending and targeted relief for the most affected and vulnerable businesses and households" is the need of the hour, stated the ministry.

According to the ministry, the government has undertaken a range of measures to manage supply disruptions, ensure energy availability, support trade and logistics, and maintain overall economic stability.

Business & Beyond

Meesho launches GenAI powered conversational voice shopping agent

Meesho announced the launch of "Vaani - Your Meesho Dost", India's first Gen-AI powered conversational voice shopping assistant purpose built for the next 500 million users who inherently shop offline. It is designed to bridge this gap by bringing conversational shopping into the digital experience. Users can speak in their own words, ask follow-up questions and refine their choices through a natural, ongoing conversation. With this launch, Meesho is taking steps towards its broader vision of conversational commerce, reimagining how users interact with e-commerce through more natural, voice-led experiences. The assistant is designed to support users across the entire shopping journey, from discovery to purchase.

Suzlon wins its sixth repeat order of 100 MW from GAIL; fourth PSU order in FY26

Enhancing its strategic focus in the PSU segment, Suzlon Group announced its sixth wind energy project of 100 MW from Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL). This also marks Suzlon's fourth PSU order of FY26, reflecting its growing strength in the ecosystem owing to its end-to-end capabilities. The power generated from this project will support the decarbonization of GAIL's upcoming petrochemical plant in Nandurbar, Maharashtra. With over 2.2 GW of installed capacity and a 38% market share in Maharashtra, Suzlon has played a key role in the state's growth as one of India's leading renewable energy hubs. Suzlon will install 47 state-of-the-art S120 wind turbine generators (WTGs), each rated at a 2.1 MW capacity for this project.

HIRECT announces availability of advanced copper conductors for high-power products

Hind Rectifiers Limited announced the commercial availability of its new, high-performance copper products: Continuously Transposed Conductors (CTC), Paper Insulated Copper Conductors (PICC), and Enameled Paper Insulated Copper Conductors (EPICC). Manufactured at HIRECT's newly inaugurated state-of-the-art copper processing plant in Sinnar, Nashik, these advanced conductors are engineered specifically to meet the rigorous demands of transformers, traction motors, and other high-power wound components. These conductors will support key infrastructure segments including power grids, railway rolling stock and catenary power supply systems, and industrial power networks. With this development, the company aims to strengthen its position in the transformer supply chain while expanding its presence in global markets through targeted exports.

GRSE receives Governance Now 12th PSU Awards

The Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE) has been honoured with multiple accolades at the Governance Now 12th PSU Awards, recognising the company's leadership, strong financial performance and contribution to advancing self-reliance in the defence and maritime sector. The company was recognised in the categories of Promoting Self-Reliance (Aatmanirbhar Bharat), CMD/MD of the Year and Best Overall Financial Performance. These honours reaffirm GRSE's sustained focus on operational excellence, robust financial growth, and its commitment to strengthening India's indigenous defence and shipbuilding capabilities.

Samsung hosts hackathons for students in TN institutions

Samsungis hosting a series of regional hackathons in Tamil Nadu under its flagship Samsung Innovation Campus (SIC) programme, reinforcing its commitment to nurturing innovation and building a future-ready talent pipeline in the state. This has engaged over 350 students from institutions, including Anna University, Grace College of Engineering, and Mangayarkarasi College, who are undergoing training and certification in emerging technologies such as AI, IoT, and Big Data. The hackathons are enabling students to apply these skills to solve real-world challenges through innovation-led thinking.

Dhoni to miss 1st two weeks of IPL due to calf strain

CSK icon MS Dhoni is set to miss the first two weeks of the IPL due to a calf injury, the franchise said. "MS Dhoni is currently undergoing rehabilitation for a calf strain. As a result, he is likely to miss the first two weeks of TATA IPL 2026," said CSK in a statement. Dhoni has continued playing the IPL ever since retiring from international cricket in 2020.

YOUNG INDIA LEADERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The home-grown next-gen captains take centre-stage as league enters its 19th year

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Bengaluru

AROUND 7.00 PM on a relatively pleasant Saturday evening, there was the striking image of Ishan Kishan and Rajat Patidar walking out for the toss. In a microcosm, it was the apt way to begin the 19th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL). It's one of the few times that two non-centrally contracted Indian cricketers have walked out for the toss for an IPL game.

This is also the first year when all 10 teams will have Indian captains at least to start the campaigns (Pat Cummins is likely to come into the XI at some point in Sunrisers Hyderabad's season). It's also important to note that Kishan may have met the automatic eligibility criteria to meet a basic Grade C contract but, technically, he doesn't have a central contract.

It wasn't always like this.

When the league began in 2008, the leadership group and support staff pivoted to appointing Indian legends or bonafide overseas stars as captains. It didn't matter if they had any meaningful pedigree in this format. As long as they had captained India in one of the two other formats or commanded the respect of the dressing room or were 'seniors', they got the gig. No questions were asked. It was a similar kind of arrangement with foreigners as well. Run through a list of former IPL captains and you get Steven Smith, Mahela Jayawardene, George Bailey, Zaheer Khan, Kevin Pietersen, Rahul Dravid, Anil Kumble, VVS Laxman, Ravindra Jadeja... this inexhaustive list, though, has seen a subtle shift over the last few years. And there's no better place to start than Royal Challengers Bengaluru, the defending champions. They appointed Jitesh Sharma as captain when Rajat Patidar was injured for a period of time in 2025.

And speaking of 2025, Patidar was a curious, inspired choice for permanent captaincy post Faf du Plessis' tenure. Patidar and Sharma — not a guarantee in any of the three formats — job-sharing the captaincy hasn't happened many times in the past. But over the last few years, it has changed.

Chennai Super Kings, Rajasthan Royals and Delhi Capitals had first-mover advantage as they plumped for the likes of Shreyas Iyer, Ruturaj Gaikwad and Sanju Samson a few seasons ago. Mayank Agarwal in 2021. Axar Patel joined the list in 2024. You can, perhaps, add Shubman Gill to the list as he was still establishing himself as a big name. Why this shift? Previously, teams allocated a budget to appoint a 'leader'. Now, there's greater propensity to just buy specialists, batters and bowlers and create 'leaders'. Can you create a 'leader'? CSK have, in a way, done that with Gaikwad. They had him shadowing MS Dhoni for a few years before giving him the job in 2024. "Last year itself, Mahi bhai (MS Dhoni) had hinted about captaincy at some point of time," Gaikwad had told the official IPL website in 2024. "He just hinted that, 'be ready, it shouldn't be a surprise to you'. When we came into the camp, he involved me in some of the match simulation." Daniel Vettori, Hyderabad's chief coach, spoke about why they gave it to Kishan, who has never captained a franchise before. "The leadership he exuded throughout that first season (in 2025), particularly in the back half when he took over wicket-keeping, really brought energy to the group and set up our back half of the year, and we were pretty successful in that period," the Kiwi had said on Friday.

"So when Patty (Cummins) was unfortunately out of the initial stage of the tournament, we obviously had some decisions to make and his experience with his state team in particular had been so impressive. And then obviously he was in really good form. So between Abhishek (Sharma) and himself, we feel like we've got a good leadership group to lead us this year."

Sharma being the vice-captain is also a curious choice, especially considering the likes of Travis Head, Heinrich Klaasen and Harshal Patel were already internationals when the opener was still playing age-group cricket. The thing about Vettori's response, though, is that franchises are now very awake to opportunities, ultra flexible with options. It's how Patidar made the cut last year.

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(top) Players pay their respect to stampede victims ahead of the Indian Premier League opening match in Bengaluru on Saturday; RCB's Devdutt Padikkal (R) celebrates his half-century alongside Virat Kohli | KEVIN NASHON

Debutant Duffy, Padikkal & Kohli stand tall as RCB overpower SRH

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Bengaluru

Brief scores

SRH 201/9 in 20 ovs (Kishan 80, Aniket 43, Klaasen 31; Duffy 3/22, Shepherd 3/54) **lost to** RCB 203/4 in 15.4 ovs (Kohli 69 n.o, Padikkal 61).

MOMENTS before the anthem, both Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and Sunrisers Hyderabad and the capacity crowd observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect for the 11 people who died in the stampede last year during RCB's title celebrations. It's why the first match of the 19th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL) was going to be a pretty significant event for this city and the stadium.

The IPL's first match was also the first ticketed event inside this stadium post the stampede on June 4. Even as both teams warmed up, there were reminders everywhere. 11 seats below the media box were left empty as a mark of respect. The RCB players and support staff practicing with the No. 11 jersey. And the silence.

Outside, security was enhanced. Cops, a lot of them, shouting instructions every minute. "Single line," one of them said. "No standing," chimed in another. "Move or leave." They didn't want to take any chances. Not on this day of days. But there was also a match to win, something RCB did with unnerving ease. Their batters chased down 202 on a deck which got increasingly good for batting but it was Jacob Duffy who set the ball rolling with 3/22 in his four overs. Before describing his impact in the game, his story deserves to be told because you don't often come from a town of 500 people. Yep.

Lumsden is so tiny it doesn't even register as a dot in New Zealand. It's where Jacob Duffy grew up. Over the last 12 months, Duffy has emerged as the quintessential Kiwi pacer. Understated. New ball wickets. Nippy but not express. Lovely shape. A very repeatable action. But an output designed for maximalism. On a pitch with some spongy bounce, Duffy analysed the conditions to maximum effort. Making his IPL debut in front of a capacity crowd, he wasted no time in making an impact.

Perhaps, he knows he doesn't have a lot of it to waste. He's primarily keeping the Josh Hazlewood spot — lead overseas seamer — warm while the Australian brings himself up to speed after reporting for work just a few nights ago.

He cannot control what the franchise decides to do once Hazlewood is back — IPL teams seldom pair two overseas pacers. But what he can do is make them take a decision.

He did that thanks to an opening spell full of life. He opened and bowled four unchanged overs from the media box end — in itself a bit of a thing you seldom see in T20s as you don't want batters to start lining up the bowlers — and ran through the visitors' destructive top-order. It's fair to say there were admirers within the leadership group before he was acquired for ₹2 cr. In a video the franchise put out a few days ago, there was a consensus in the camp when they bought him at the auction. While Rajat Patidar liked his outswingers to the right-handers, coach Andy Flower liked his high-release point and sideways movement. They were also fans of his recent numbers.

People who have been tracking his progress over the last 12 months wouldn't be surprised by what he did. He bagged the Sir Richard Hadlee medal.

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NEW INNINGS

BUTTLER SEEKS CHANGE IN FORTUNES

GOMESH S @ Chennai

JOS Buttler does not hesitate to reiterate the influence of the Indian Premier League (IPL) in his career. The Englishman is, after all, one of the earliest to be accepted as a bonafide white-ball giant of the modern day game without bringing up his red-ball credentials. He has been a vital cog in the white-ball revolution of England, and to an extent world cricket, with unorthodox shots and aggressive batting style. Buttler did the same in the IPL. The numbers speak for themselves. Among batters with more than 4000 runs in IPL, Buttler's (4311 runs) strike rate of 149.38 is only second to AB de Villiers (5162 runs at 151.68 SR). The mighty Chris Gayle (4965 runs at 148.96) is third.

It is fair to say that Buttler influenced the IPL as much as the league influenced him. Now, after a decade of playing in the IPL, the 35-year-old finds himself at crossroads with his batting. Runs have dried up in the last few months and so has the confidence. During the recent T20 World Cup, he would spend hours alone in the nets with the England coaching staff on every training day, but it did not reflect on the field — 87 runs in eight games at 10.87 average painted a sorry picture. So much so that every press conference had a question about his form and place in the playing XI.

However, the England team threw his weight behind him on every occasion. And now, Gujarat Titans are no different. Titans have been his home over the last two years, and they have found a way to make him work in the top three. And it showed last season where he smashed 538 runs predominantly batting at No 3 — Shubman Gill and B Sai Sudharsan open the batting — at 59.78 average and 163.03 strike rate. Coming into a league and team where he has found immense success, Buttler hopes to put the past behind and bring out the best in IPL 2026.

He has spent some time away from the sport since the T20 World Cup and believes it has helped him get into a good mindset. "Ultimately, I tried hard. I put a lot of effort into that World Cup and, for a multitude of reasons probably, it just didn't quite work out," Buttler said in a select media interaction on Saturday. "Being a 35-year-old, I have had 15 years of times where I have had good form, bad form, tournaments that went really well, and tournaments that didn't go to plan. You're always trying to reflect and self-analyse, but pinpointing one thing is difficult. If there was that one secret, then I think we would all know it and we would all score runs every time. But I don't think that exists. I've had a bit of space from the game, which I've really enjoyed. I've reflected, and whether I've scored runs or not, the challenge is the same, go to practice with energy and optimism, prepare well, and then go into the game, start or not, and take it from there."

And once again, he is excited to bat alongside Gill and Sai Sudharsan. "We had a great year last year. I played a lot of really good cricket. Shubman and Sai were a fantastic opening partnership, two high-quality players with fantastic techniques that allow them to spend a lot of time at the crease, which was obviously great for the team last year. But we don't put too much expectation on them to have to replicate that, although I'm sure they'll want to and will be trying their best. But we're ready to just play the game in front of us, play what's required, and do our roles for the team to the best of our ability," Buttler signed off.

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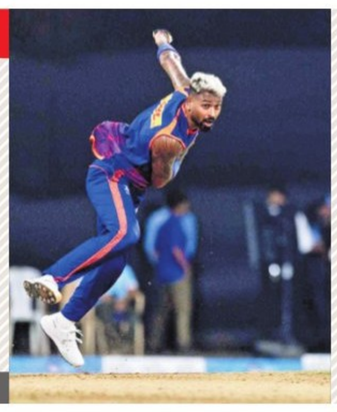
MI FACE INJURY-HIT KNIGHTS

AS MUMBAI INDIANS TAKE ON KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS AT WANKHEDE ON SUNDAY, A LOOK...

Can MI get good start?

In the seven-year period between 2013-2020, Mumbai captured the IPL title five times and none since. This season, they have all the ingredients to bid for a record-extending sixth IPL title. While they have T20 World Cup winners Suryakumar Yadav, skipper Hardik Pandya, Tilak Varma and Jasprit Bumrah in the squad, one challenge for them is to start winning games early to gain momentum.

MI VS KKR @ WANKHEDE, 7.30PM | LIVE ON STAR SPORTS & JIOHOTSTAR



Questions over KKR's combination

Kolkata will have to zero in on their bowling attack which would be different from what the team management envisioned. Both Harshit Rana and Akash Deep are ruled out for the season, Mustafizur Rahman was released on BCCI's request. Blessing Muzarabani may earn a spot in the line-up but a lot will ride on Varun Chakravarthy.

EXPRESS READ

Ashwin makes his IPL commentary debut

MUMBAI: Former India off-spinner and CSK legend Ravichandran Ashwin will pick up the commentator's mic for the first time in TATA IPL 2026. An accomplished storyteller and analyst of the game, Ashwin will bring his insights to live action and will be part of JioStar's special dedicated Hindi digital feed on JioHotstar. Ashwin, who retired from IPL last year, will be joined by the likes of Virender Sehwag and others.

Aditi misses cut at Ford Championship

CHANDLER (ARIZONA): Golfer Aditi Ashok carded a 5-over 77 in the second round to miss the cut by a sizeable margin at the Ford Championship here. Aditi, who had opened with an even-par 72, fell well short of the cut, which was set at 4-under. Nelly Korda climbed from third to the top of the leaderboard.

Djokovic pulls out of Monte Carlo Masters

MONACO: Novak Djokovic has pulled out of the Monte Carlo Masters after having skipped the Miami Open with a right shoulder injury. "We send him our best wishes and hope to see him back on court very soon," the clay-court tournament wrote on social media on Friday in announcing the withdrawal.

Woods arrested, charged with DUI after crash

MIAMI: Tiger Woods was arrested and charged with driving under the influence after a rollover crash near his Florida home, authorities said, as the 15-time Major champion's golf career veered into fresh turmoil. Woods, 50, escaped injury but was detained after his vehicle clipped a truck while attempting to overtake on a residential road on Jupiter Island.

Japanese GP: Antonelli claims pole position

AGENCIES @ Suzuka

MERCEDES driver Kimi Antonelli took the pole for Sunday's Formula 1 Japanese Grand Prix, just two weeks after he led qualifying and won the first race of his career at the Chinese Grand Prix.

The 19-year-old Antonelli's qualifying time Saturday was 1 minute, 28.778 seconds on the 5.8-kilometer (3.6-mile) Suzuka circuit in central Japan. Teammate George Russell will start alongside him. Russell won in Australia in the first race of the season and also took the pole, the start of Mercedes' early dominance in 2026. McLaren's Oscar Piastri, who has yet to start a race this season, will start alongside Charles Leclerc of Ferrari in the second row, and Lando Norris of McLaren starts on row three next to Lewis Hamilton of Ferrari. "It was a good one. It was a clean one," Antonelli said. "I felt very good in the car. I'm really happy with the session and now we focus on tomorrow."

For the second straight race it was the young Italian upstaging the older British driver. "He did a great job again," the 28-year-old Russell said. **Starting grid (Top 5):** 1. Antonelli (Mercedes), 2. Russell (Mercedes), 3. O Piastri (McLaren), 4. C Leclerc (Ferrari), 5. L Norris (McLaren).

Winning start to season for Tejaswin

AGENCIES @ New Delhi

INDIA'S Tejaswin Shankar started his decathlon season on a winning note at the David Noble Relays 2026 athletics meet in Texas, USA, emerging victorious in the event with a new wind-assisted personal best of 7947 points.

Competing for the first time in decathlon this season, Shankar scored 7947 points on Friday, falling 53 points short of 8000m mark in a wind-aided competition. Shankar's effort in Texas was better than the standing national record of 7826 points, which he himself set in Poland last year, but it was not ratified as a new record as per the World Athletics Rules because of excessive tailwinds. According to World Athletics rules, decathlon records require the average wind assistance across the 100m, long jump, and 110m hurdles to not exceed +2.0 m/s. In the Texas meet, the 100m (+4.7 m/s) and Long Jump (+4.5 m/s) readings significantly exceeded the legal limits..

FOOTBALL

Germany destroy Switzerland, England held at home

AGENCIES @ London

MIKEL Oyarzabal scored two impressive goals in Spain's 3-0 win over Serbia, and Florian Wirtz scored two and made two more as Germany twice came from behind to beat Switzerland 4-3, in entertaining pre-World Cup friendlies on late Friday.

In other games, Ben White scored on his recall to the England side and then gave away a penalty in stoppage time as England drew 1-1 with Uruguay, while the Netherlands overcame Norway 2-1 in Amsterdam.

White was in the right place at the right time 10 minutes from time to give England the lead after Cole Palmer's corner was flicked on and White poked the ball in at the far post for what will surely be one of the easiest goals of his career. Uruguay did not have a shot on goal and that looked like being the winner, only for them to win a penalty in the 90th minute. Federico Valverde converted for Uruguay to leave the scores level.

Uruguay's Federico Valverde (L) celebrates after scoring against England | AFP

Meanwhile in Basel, Germany won for the sixth time in a row thanks largely to the brilliance of Liverpool's Wirtz. Germany looked shaky at the back and but in attack, Wirtz led from the front. **Other results:** Spain **3-0** Serbia; Netherlands **2-1** Norway; Morocco **1-1** Ecuador.

TIGHTENING CONTROL
OVER FOREIGN FUNDED NGOs

Critics describe it as draconian and constitutionally suspect, as the proposed bill gives wide discretionary powers to the executive

FCRA framework comparison

Aspect	FCRA, 2010	FCRA Amendment Act, 2020	FCRA Amendment Bill, 2026
Registration status	Valid for 5 years; renewal required	Govt can inquire before renewal	Adds 'deemed cessation' if not renewed/denied
Prohibited entities	Political parties, candidates, judges, media	Adds public servants	Expands to any 'person' engaged in such activities
Transfer of foreign funds	Allowed only to FCRA-registered entities	Completely prohibited transfer to any person	No major change from 2020
Administrative expense limit	Up to 50%	Reduced to 20%	No change
Bank account rules	Separate FCRA account in any bank	Mandatory SBI New Delhi FCRA account	No change
Use of funds	Must be used for stated purpose	Govt can restrict utilisation on suspicion	Authority can manage/utilise funds during vesting
Suspension of registration	Up to 180 days	Can be extended to 360 days	Linked with asset vesting framework
Surrender of registration	Not explicitly provided	Introduced with conditions	Leads to asset vesting under Authority
Handling of assets & funds	Basic provisions	Assets vest in authority on surrender	Designated Authority controls, supervises, and manages
Return of assets	Not clearly defined	Not detailed	Allowed if registration restored
Permanent use of assets	Not specified	Not specified	Used for public purposes, proceeds to Consolidated Fund
Appeal mechanism	Limited clarity	No major change	Appeal to District Judge (90 days)
Penalties	Up to 5 years imprisonment	No major change	Reduced to 1 year
Investigation process	No prior approval needed	No major change	Prior govt approval required
Government powers	Regulatory oversight	Expanded (renewal checks, restrictions)	Exemption powers + asset control authority

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE government recently introduced a new bill in Parliament to regulate foreign funding of NGOs. The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026, however, reignited the debate over the Central government assuming excessive power through legislation by fuelling concerns about narratives of a deep state and foreign hands destabilising the country's peace and security.

The sweeping powers the bill grants to the Central government have triggered concerns among the Opposition and civil rights activists, who fear that once enacted, it could be used as a tool to silence organisations that raise uncomfortable questions for the government. These concerns are not without precedent. Last year, when Ladakh activist Sonam Wangchuk launched a movement for political autonomy in the region, the government cancelled the FCRA registration of his NGO and initiated a CBI probe into alleged financial mismanagement. Critics argue that the new bill, if enacted, could be used selectively against dissenting voices, opposition groups, and minority institutions.

The government, however, has maintained that the intent is to curb misuse of foreign funds. While introducing the bill, Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai flagged concerns over the alleged misuse of foreign funding for religious conversions. "The Modi government will not tolerate any misutilisation of foreign funding and will take strong action against such elements," he said in the Lok Sabha.

The proposed amendment

The amendment seeks to tighten the regulatory framework governing foreign funding of non-profit organisations by plugging what the government describes as operational and legal gaps in the existing Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010. It introduces a significant shift in how foreign-funded entities are regulated by strengthening government control over their funds and assets. One of its key provisions is the concept of deemed cessation of registration, under which an organisation's FCRA registration will automatically lapse if it fails to apply for renewal, is denied renewal, or does not secure renewal before expiry.

A key and contentious feature of the bill is the creation of a Designated Authority, notified by the Central government, which will take provisional control of foreign contributions and assets in cases of cancellation, surrender or cessation of registration. This control extends even to assets that are only partly funded through foreign contributions. The Authority is empowered to supervise, manage, and maintain these assets.

The bill lays down a two-stage mechanism for asset control. Initially, assets and funds are vested provisionally and may be returned if the organisation's registration is restored or renewed. However, if the entity fails to regain registration within a prescribed period, or ceases to exist, the assets and unutilised foreign contributions will vest permanently with the Authority.

Such assets may then be used for public purposes. The Authority can transfer them to government departments or agencies, or dispose of them through sale. The proceeds, along with any unutilised foreign contribution, will be credited to the Consolidated Fund of India.

The bill also imposes obligations on organisations and their functionaries whose assets are vested. They must provide complete access to accounts and records, cannot transfer assets without approval, and must continue operations under the supervision and conditions set by the Authority.

To provide a legal remedy, the bill introduces an appeal mechanism, allowing aggrieved persons to approach a district judge within 90 days against orders of the Designated Authority.

Another significant change is the expansion of the category of entities prohibited from receiving foreign contributions. While existing restrictions continue for political and media-related entities, the bill broadens this to cover any person engaged in such activities. On enforcement, the bill reduces the maximum imprisonment for violations from five years to one year, indicating a move towards lighter criminal penalties. At the same time, it mandates prior approval of the Central government before initiating any investigation, thereby increasing executive control.

It also empowers the Central government to exempt certain persons or entities from provisions related to vesting of assets if deemed necessary in the public interest, expanding its discretionary powers.

Comparison with existing Act

The government describes the amendment as an "improvement" over the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010. Under the 2010 Act, registration to receive foreign contributions was granted for five years and could be renewed, cancelled, or surrendered through a defined process. The 2026 bill introduces a stricter framework through deemed cessation, where registration lapses automatically if renewal is not applied for, denied, or not obtained in time.

In terms of asset management, the 2010 law provided a broad framework for handling assets created out of foreign contributions. The 2026 bill replaces this with a more structured and centralised system through the Designated Authority.

A key structural shift is the introduction of a two-stage vesting mechanism. While the 2010 Act did not clearly distinguish between temporary and permanent control of assets, the bill formalises this distinction, creating a clearer but stricter pathway for asset takeover. The bill also clarifies the end-use of such assets. Unlike the 2010 Act, which did not explicitly define how permanently vested assets would be utilised, the 2026 proposal mandates their use for public purposes or their transfer or liquidation, with proceeds credited to the Consolidated Fund of India.

Another notable change lies in the obligations imposed on affected entities. While the 2010 framework focused on general compliance, the new bill requires organisations to provide full access to records, refrain from transferring assets, and operate under supervision — effectively reducing their autonomy.

On the legal side, the bill introduces a clearer appellate mechanism by allowing appeals to a district judge within 90 days. It also expands the category of entities barred from receiving foreign contributions.

In enforcement, the bill reflects a mixed approach — reducing criminal penalties while increasing executive control by requiring prior government approval for investigations.

According to the Statement of Objects and Reasons, the amendments aim to address operational and legal gaps, particularly in managing foreign contributions and assets in cases where registration is cancelled, surrendered, or ceases.

The criticism

The bill has drawn sharp criticism from Opposition leaders and civil society groups, who describe it as draconian and constitutionally suspect. A key concern is the wide discretionary powers granted to the executive, with critics arguing that Parliament is left to enact a skeletal framework while substantive decisions are delegated to the government through rules.

Congress leader Manish Tewari argued that the bill enables broad executive control over property, including provisional and permanent vesting of assets in a Designated Authority with powers of management, transfer and disposal. This, he says, raises concerns under Article 300A, which requires that deprivation of property be just, fair, and backed by adequate safeguards — conditions he argues are not sufficiently embedded in the bill.

Activists pointed out that even minor or technical violations could trigger cancellation or non-renewal of registration, potentially leading to valuable assets , such as schools, hospitals, or infrastructure — coming under state control. For organisations that combine domestic and foreign funding, the risk is seen as disproportionate, since even a small foreign contribution could put entire assets at stake. Concerns have also been raised about the disposal of assets. Provisions preventing original functionaries from re-acquiring assets are seen as limiting fair market participation and potentially enabling preferential outcomes. On enforcement, the requirement of prior government approval for investigations is viewed as concentrating power with the executive. While it may act as a safeguard, critics argue it could also enable selective enforcement.

TRANSGENDER WHO?

The state decides who's transgender now — not the individual. Experts say that's unconstitutional

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PARLIAMENT recently passed the Transgender Persons (Protections of Rights) Amendment Bill, 2026 amid stiff opposition from supporters and members of LGBTQIA+ community, including activists and students. India has at least two million transgender people. While the government says the narrowing of definition in the new amendments will make welfare benefits more accessible while preventing exploitation and trafficking, critics see it as exclusionary, as it negates the self-identification dictum set by the Supreme Court in its landmark 2014 ruling and undermines dignity and autonomy.

The watershed moment for the fight for transgender rights came on April 15, 2014, when a two-judge bench of the Supreme Court comprising justices A K Sikri and K S Radhakrishnan recognised the community as a third gender along with male and female.

The 2014 judgment

On April 15, 2014, the Supreme Court said, "eunuchs, apart from the binary gender, be treated as a 'third gender' for the purpose of safeguarding their rights under our Constitution and the laws made by Parliament and the State Legislature." The court went on to direct the Centre and states to take steps to treat them as socially and educationally backward classes and extend reservation for admission in educational institutions and for public appointments.

"Recognition of transgenders as a third gender is not a social or medical issue but a human rights issue. Transgenders are also citizens of India. The spirit of the Constitution is to provide equal opportunity to every citizen to grow and attain their potential, irrespective of caste, religion or gender," the court said in its ruling on a petition filed by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA). The judgment recognised that sex identity cannot be based on a mere biological test but must take into account the individual's psyche.

NALSA had filed the petition in the Supreme Court in 2012, seeking equal rights for the group, highlighting the discrimination they face even in hospitals. The court said that the absence of any law, which recognised transgenders as a third gender, could not be the ground of any discrimination in education or employment. The 2014 judgment had also recognised transgender identity and laid down that "self-determination of gender is an integral part of personal autonomy and self-expression". The verdict stressed on self-identification as the most important right of the transgender community.By virtue of this verdict, all identity documents, including birth certificate, passport, ration card and driving licence began recognising the third gender.

The 2019 Act

The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019 was passed by the Lok Sabha on August 5, 2019 and by the Rajya Sabha on November 26, 2019. The law essentially defined "transgender persons" as those whose genders do not match with that assigned at birth. The provisions of the 2019 bill included non-discrimination against a transgender person in educational institutions, employment, healthcare services etc., provision of right of residence with parents and immediate family members, provision for formulation of welfare schemes and programmes for education, and provision for a National Council for Transgender Persons to advice, monitor and evaluate measures for the protection of their rights.

FOCUS FEATURE AN SMD INITIATIVE

From Legacy to Leadership:
The Entrepreneurial Journey of Chetan Angadi

For Chetan Angadi, the MD of Sunshine Building Solutions, entrepreneurship has always been intertwined with the values of public service. His uncle, Late Suresh Channabasappa Angadi, a stalwart of the Bharatiya Janata Party in Karnataka, profoundly shaped his outlook. Known for integrity, discipline, and accessibility, Suresh Angadi represented the Belagavi constituency in the Lok Sabha for four consecutive terms from 2004 and served as Union Minister of State for Railways from 2019 until his untimely passing in 2020. He never lost an election, leaving behind a legacy of public trust and commitment.

The formative years

Growing up in a family steeped in politics and social service, Chetan absorbed lessons of responsibility and independence. Suresh Angadi's advice - "stand on your own feet and build something of your own" - resonated deeply. This ethos propelled Chetan toward entrepreneurship while maintaining a strong sense of social accountability. Agricultural roots and early exposure to village life instilled hard work and an appreciation for community development.

The Grand Beginnings

In 2011, Chetan founded Sunshine Building Solutions, initially trading in cement. Over the years, the business diversified into construction materials, UPVC windows & doors manufacturing, infrastructure development, FMCG distributions, and hospitality. Manufacturing units in Belagavi and Bengaluru underpin operations, while distribution networks extend across Karnataka. Other ventures, including JNC Infra Build Tech, Kalpataru Infrastructure, and Fenes Building Systems, have expanded the group's footprint. Today, the enterprise generates annual revenues of ₹70–80 crore, with ambitious plans to reach ₹100–150 crore.

Despite growth, Chetan emphasizes relationships and trust over mere transactions - a principle inherited from his uncle. Long-term engagement with clients and partners, he believes, ensures sustainable success. "Business isn't just numbers; it's about people and impact," he says, echoing the lessons of Suresh Angadi's public life.

The death of Suresh Angadi in 2020 was a moment of profound loss. For Chetan, it reinforced the responsibility to uphold his uncle's values. Family remains central: his father, Shri Mohan C. Angadi, and late mother, Smt. Leelavathi M. Angadi, instilled humility and perseverance, while his sister, Chaitra C. Bolmal, provides close support. His wife, Janhavi C. Angadi, from the historic Wadiyar lineage is contributing effectively in all the Business ventures helping Chetan Angadi to concentrate on other verticals.

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Giving Back to the Society

Chetan's social initiatives mirror his business philosophy: creating value for communities. Growing up close to village life, he recognizes the need for local opportunities to curb urban migration. Rural entrepreneurship in agriculture, small-scale manufacturing, and retail is central to his vision. Philanthropic efforts include health camps for farmers and laborers, as well as educational support in government schools - providing books,bags & educational materials, and encouragement for students.

Looking ahead, Chetan sees untapped potential in infrastructure and construction in North Karnataka. Expanding these sectors could generate employment, stimulate local economies, and empower future entrepreneurs. He advises young aspirants to approach enterprise with discipline, commitment, and a focus on societal impact, reflecting the lessons passed down from Suresh Angadi.

Business Ethics thrives

In blending business acumen with social responsibility, Chetan Angadi embodies a modern entrepreneurial legacy rooted in service. The principles of integrity, independence, and community welfare that guided his uncle continue to shape his journey. Through his ventures, philanthropy, and mentorship, Chetan carries forward a vision where enterprise and social good coexist - a testament to the enduring influence of Suresh Angadi's life and leadership.

For more information, log on to www.sunshinebuildingsolution.com

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This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our clients **Mr. RUBEN, S/o. John Peter & Mr. JOHN PETER, S/o. C.Anthony** both are intending to purchase the schedule property from **Mrs. UMA L K, W/o. Suresh N,** person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

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You, the under mentioned Borrower / Mortgagor is hereby informed that the company has initiated proceedings against you under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and that the Notice under 13 (2) of the Act sent to you by Registered Post Ack. Due for Borrower/s has been returned undelivered. Hence, you are hereby called upon to take notice and pay the outstanding loan amount mentioned against the said account with interest accruing there from within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the company will proceed against you by exercising its right under Sub-Sec (4) of Section 13 of the Act by enforcing the below mentioned security to realize its dues with interests and costs. It is needles to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the company.

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